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OF THE

General Convention of the New Jerusalem

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

HELD IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, FROM THURSDAY, MAY 28TH, TO SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 1885.

THURSDAY, May 28, 1885.

1. The Ministers and Delegates to the Convention met at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the House of Worship of the Cincinnati Society of the New Church.

2. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Chauncey Giles, who conducted the usual religious services.

3. Mr. W. N. Hobart, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. A. F. Frost, of Detroit, Mich., and Rev. T. F. Wright, of Bridgewater, Mass., were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

4. The Secretary read Section 4 of the By-Laws.

5. The Committee on Credentials having received the credentials of the Delegates, reported the Roll of the Convention, which, as finally corrected and completed, is as follows:—

Roll.

President.— REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, Philadelphia.

CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. E. D. Daniels, Toronto.
Delegate.—Robert Carswell, Toronto.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. L. P. Mercer, Chicago; Rev. J. J. Lehnen, Norway, Ia.

Delegates.—Jonathan Young Scammon, Alexander Officer, Dr. A. E. Small, C. H. Cutler, L. Pratt, R. A. Keyes, Geo. F. Root, Chicago.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. S. F. Dike, D. D., Bath.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. J. B. Parmelee, Wilmington, Del.
Delegate.—C. A. E. Spamer, Baltimore, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor, Abington; Rev. James Reed, Boston; Rev. John Worcester, Newtonville; Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Brookline; Rev. Richard Ward, Lancaster; Rev. S. M. Warren, Boston; Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port; Rev. T. F. Wright, Bridgewater; Rev. J. E. Werren, Abington; Rev. J. K. Smyth, Boston; Rev. H. E. Goddard, Brockton.

Delegates.—David L. Webster, Wm. J. Cutler, W. H. Alden, F. L. Higgins, A. F. Webster, Boston; F. A. Dewson, E. A. Whiston, Newtonville; S. W. Keene, East Bridgewater; J. Pettee, Jr., South Abington.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Minister.—Rev. A. F. Frost, Detroit.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.—Rev. C. H. Mann, Orange, N. J.; Rev. S. S. Seward, New York.

Delegate.—Dr. A. Goodell, New York.

OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.— Rev. John Goddard, General Pastor, Cincinnati; Rev. Frank Sewall, Urbana; Rev. P. B. Cabell, Cleveland; Rev. E. A. Beaman, Cincinnati; Rev. O. L. Barler, Columbus.

Delegates.— C. S. Holmes, J. L. Wayne, C. S. Cheever, S. S. Carpenter, W. N. Hobart, Geo. Merrill, F. H. Lawson, J. F. Creagh, S. B. Spear, Wm. Dodd, Thos. French, Jr., Cincinnati; M. G. Browne, Cleveland; A. M. Wagar, East Rockport; C. H. Allen, J. B. C. Moors, Glendale; Dr. O. P. Baer, Dr. J. Howells, Richmond, Ind.; W. Murdock, John Cranch, Charles G. Smith, Urbana; R. H. Andrews, Wyoming; T. A. Plantz, Pomeroy; Wendell Vondersaar, Indianapolis, Ind.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Ministers.— Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. N. C. Burnham, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. John Whitehead, and Rev. Andrew Czerney, Pittsburgh.

Delegate.— Geo. A. Macbeth, Pittsburgh.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION.

Delegate.— Henry G. Thompson, Milford, Conn.

TOPEKA SOCIETY.

Minister.— Rev. H. C. Dunham.

Delegate.— J. Frederick Goddard.

MEMBER BY ELECTION.

Richard A. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ministers not connected with an Association.— Rev. S. C. Eby, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. D. H. Rains, Nashville, Tenn.

Ministers	32
Delegates	46
Total	78

VISITORS.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Holcombe, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. J. R. Hibbard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. J. W. MacPherson, Frankford, Pa.; Rev. J. W. McSlarrow, M.D., Cold Springs, Ark.; James Wilson, South Lebanon, Ohio; Edward Wilder, Mrs. F. H. Church, and Mrs. J. F. Goddard, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Mary G. Ware, and Miss Chandler, Lancaster, Mass.; O. W. Perkins, Crossville, Tenn.; Samuel Cline, Northville, Tenn.; Mrs. C. H. Cutler, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Wrigley, Richmond, Ind.; Mrs. E. C. Talbot, Mrs. Rebecca Adams, Miss Carleton, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. R. Carswell, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. R. A. Lewis, Mrs. Chauncey Giles, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. S. F. Dike, Bath, Me.; Mrs. Frank Sewall, Miss Delia B. Burt, Prof. and Mrs. Geo. W. Worcester, Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. S. W. Keene, Elmwood, Mass.; Mrs. M. G. Browne, Mrs. P. B. Cabell, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. L. Pratt, Iowa; Mrs. T. F. Wright, Bridgewater, Mass.; Mrs. S. C. Eby, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. H. E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass.; Mrs. W. H. Hinkley, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Julian K. Smyth, Boston Highlands, Mass.; Mrs. T. A. Plantz, Mrs. C. Grant, and Miss Grant, Pomeroy, Ohio; Miss Ella G. Holmes, Niles, Mich.; Miss Julia G. Higby, Tenn.; Miss Jessie Field, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. L. M. Morehead, Columbus, Ohio.

6. The report of the Secretaries was read.

7. The report of the Treasurer was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

8. The report of the Executive Committee was presented in print, and read.

9. The report of the Board of Publication was presented in print, and the reading dispensed with.

10. The reports of the Treasurer of the New-Church Theological School, and of the Corporation of the School, were read.

11. The rules were suspended in order to permit the application of the Cold Springs, Arkansas, Society for the ordination of Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, leader of the society, to be read;

and the application was referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

12. The reports of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy, the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Managers of the Theological School, were read.

13. It was *voted*, That the nominations, by the Board of Managers of the Theological School, of Rev. Chauncey Giles, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., and Messrs. Wm. McGeorge, Jr., and George Ropes, as members of the Board for the term ending in 1888, be *confirmed*.

14. The report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's MSS. was read.

15. The rules were suspended in order to permit the application of the Topeka, Kansas, Society for admission into the Convention, to be read; and the application was referred to the Executive Committee.

16. The report of the Canada Association was read.

17. The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the President delivered his annual address.

18. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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19. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

20. The reports of the Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio Associations, and of the San Francisco First and Savannah Societies, and of the Connecticut Association, were read.

21. The reports of Rev. Joseph Pettee, Rev. W. H. Benade, and Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., General Pastors, and of Rev. Messrs. Leonard G. Jordon, G. W. Chase, James E. Mills, John I. Herrick, and C. Louis Carriere, and the application of Rev. S. H. Spencer to be restored to the list of ministers, were read; and it was *voted*, To refer the application of Mr. Spencer to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

22. The reports of the Trustees of the Swedenborg Memorial Fund, and of the Trustees of the Iüngerich Fund, were read.

23. The address of the English Conference of the New Church to the General Convention, prepared by the Rev. John Presland, was read; and the reply of the Rev. L. P. Mercer in behalf of the Convention was read, and *adopted* as the address of the General Convention to the Conference.

24. The Convention adjourned to meet on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

25. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. S. C. Eby conducted the religious exercises.

26. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

27. The Secretary of the Executive Committee reported that the Executive Committee had considered the application of the Topeka, Kansas, Society for membership in the Convention, and recommended that the application be granted.

28. The recommendation was *adopted;* and the President invited the Rev. Howard C. Dunham, pastor of the Society, and Messrs. Edward Wilder and J. F. Goddard, members, to come forward, and in accordance with Section 10 of the By-Laws, gave them the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed them to all the privileges of the other delegates to the Convention, the members of the Convention rising.

29. It was *voted,* That the resolution of the Illinois Association, regarding triennial or quadrennial, instead of annual sessions, be referred to the Executive Committee.

30. It was *voted,* That so much of the report of the Maryland Association as referred to the coöperation of the Convention with the Association in the employment of the Rev. J. E. Smith in general missionary work, be referred to the Board of Missions.

31. On motion of Mr. F. A. Dewson, it was *voted,* That a collection be taken up at the meeting to be held in this place on Sunday evening, for the use of the Ministers' Conference.

32. The report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs was read, and the recommendations of the committee (1) that the subject of the confirmation service be referred to the committee, and (2) that the name of the Rev. S. H. Spencer be

restored to the list of the ministers of the Convention, were *adopted.*

33. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read.

34. The reports of the Maine and New-York Associations, and of the General Church of Pennsylvania, were read.

35. The report of the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association was read.

36. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was read.

37. The report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was presented in print and read.

38. It was *voted*, That the report be laid on the table, and the subject be made the special order for this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

39. The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, religious services were conducted by the Rev. E. D. Daniels, of Toronto, Canada, who also preached from LUKE viii. 15.

40. The Convention took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

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41. The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President, and the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, was taken from the table.

42. The Rev. T. F. Wright moved to amend Article I. of the proposed Constitution, by inserting the words "from His Word" after the word "Lord."

43. The amendment was *adopted.*

44. The Article as amended was *adopted.*

45. Section 1, Article II. was *adopted.*

46. Section 2, Article II. was *adopted.*

47. Mr. Scammon moved to amend Section 3, Article II. by substituting the words "two delegates" for "one delegate," and "one hundred members" for "fifty members."

48. The question was divided, and pending its consideration it was *voted*, To lay the subject on the table in order to give the Secretaries time to report to the Convention the effect of the new rule, both as proposed and amended, in com-

parison with the representation as provided for by the present Constitution.

49. Mr. Scammon moved to amend Article III. by substituting the words "Committee of Ministers," for "Council of Ministers," and the words "Executive Committee" for "General Council."

50. The amendment was *lost.*

51. Mr. Giles moved to amend by striking out the words, "to be chosen by the Council of Ministers."

52. The amendment was *adopted.*

53. The Article as amended was *adopted.*

54. Section 3, Article II. was taken from the table, and the first amendment, to substitute the words "two delegates" for the words "one delegate," was *adopted.*

55. The second amendment, to substitute the words "one hundred" for the word "fifty," was *lost.*

56. Mr. Scammon moved to amend by inserting the word "seventy-five," for the word "fifty."

57. The amendment was *lost.*

58. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

59. Article IV. was *adopted.*

60. The Rev. T. F. Wright moved that in consideration of the distinct declaration, in Article I., of the authority of the Writings, the insertion of the quotations from "The New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine" in the preamble to Article V, is unnecessary, and should therefore be omitted; the motion was *lost.*

61. The whole of Article V. was *adopted.*

62. On motion of Rev. S. M. Warren it was *voted,* That the preamble to Article V. be referred to a committee of three, of which the Vice President shall be one, to revise the translation, and report it to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal.

63. Article VI. was *adopted.*

64. Mr. Reed moved to amend Article VII. by substituting the words "referred to" for the words "approved by," and the word "or" for "and" in the same line.

65. The amendments were *adopted.*

66. Mr. Scammon moved to amend by striking out the words "a unanimous vote of the Convention," and substituting the words "a three-fourths vote of all the delegations present."

67. Mr. Seward moved to amend the amendment by substituting the words "of the Convention" for the words "of all the delegations present."

68. The amendment to the amendment was *adopted.*

69. The amendment as amended was *adopted.*

70. The Article as amended was *adopted.*

71. The Constitution as amended, was *adopted.*

72. The election of officers was made the order of the day for 11.30 o'clock, Saturday morning.

73. The Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

74. The Convention was called to order by the President, and the Rev. P. B. Cabell opened the session by reading from the Word, and prayer.

75. The Roll of the Convention was called, and the Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

76. The report of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws was taken up, and it was *voted,* That the first three sections of the By-Laws be retained.

77. Mr. Scammon moved to substitute the following for Section 4: —

"Persons who are neither ministers nor delegates desiring to be recognized as members at any meeting of the Convention, shall make such desire known to the presiding officer, through the Secretaries or otherwise. Such presiding officer shall determine as to their *prima facie* right to seats in the Convention, and may invite them to inscribe their names in a register to be kept by the Secretaries, and upon their signing such register, they shall be considered as members of the Convention under Article I.

78. The substitute was *lost.*

79. The recommendation of the committee to amend by striking out the words "or may be," was *adopted.*

80. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

81. The recommendation of the committee to amend Section 5 by inserting the words "Council of Ministers" instead of "Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs," and "General Pastors" instead of "Ordaining Ministers," was *adopted.*

82. Section 5 as amended was *adopted.*

83. It was *voted,* That the numbers of the Sections be changed wherever required, and that names, etc., be changed in the other By-Laws to correspond with the above changes in the Constitution.

84. *Voted,* That Section 6 be retained.

85. It was *voted,* That the recommendation of the committee that Section 7 be omitted, be not concurred in, and that the Section be retained.

86. *Voted,* That Sections 8 and 9 be retained.

87. Section 10 as recommended by the committee was *adopted.*

88. It was *voted,* To amend Section 11 by striking out the last half, and changing the first half so as to read, "The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention."

89. Section 12 was amended so as to read, "The President shall, from time to time, address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other general bodies of the Church, or appoint some person, or persons, to do so."

90. The recommendation of the committee to amend Section 13, by inserting the words, "or the General Council" after the word "Convention" near the end, was *adopted.*

91. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

92. It was *voted,* That Section 14 be amended by dropping the word "annual" and inserting the words "by them" after the word "brought."

93. The section as amended was *adopted.*

94. The recommendation of the committee to omit the first portion of Section 15, was not concurred in, and the whole Section retained.

95. It was *voted,* To amend Section 16 by inserting the words "or the General Council" after the word "Convention"

in the third line, and by striking out the words "annually" and "each year."

96. Section 16 as amended was *adopted.*

97. Section 17 was amended by inserting the words "General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain," for "English Conference," and by adding the words, "they shall also, under the direction of the President, distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies, or persons abroad."

98. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

99. Mr. Hinkley moved to amend Section 13 of the old Constitution, which the committee recommended should be adopted in *lieu* of Section 18 of the By-Laws, by striking out all after the word "but," and the motion was *adopted.*

100. Section 13 of the old Constitution, as amended, was *adopted* as Section 18 of the By-Laws.

101. The recommendation of the Committee to unite Sections 19 and 20, and to amend Section 20 so as to read, "but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence," was *adopted.*

102. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

103. The recommendation of the committee to amend Section 21 by adding the words, "All officers and committtees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention," was *adopted.*

104. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

105. On motion of the Rev. Frank Sewall the following, as a substitute for Sections 22 and 25, was *adopted:*—

"Section—There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions consisting of seven members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention and confirmed by the Council of Ministers."

106. It was *voted,* To amend Section 23 by striking out the word "annually," by inserting "each" for "the next," and by adding the words, "but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention."

107. Section 23 as amended was *adopted.*

108. It was *voted*, To amend Section 24 by inserting the words, "by the Convention or the General Council," after the word "annually."

109. It was *voted*, To amend Section 26 as reported by the committee, by inserting the words, "or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention," after the word "body" in the first line, and by adding the words, "The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of ministers, and report the same to the Convention."

110. Section 26 as amended was *adopted.*

111. It was *voted*, That Sections 27 and 28 be retained.

112. *Voted*, To amend Section 29 by inserting the words, "and Act of Incorporation," after the word "Constitution."

113. The Section as amended was *adopted.*

114. It was *voted*, That the Secretaries be authorized to correct Section 5 by striking out the word "annual," changing the word "report" to "address" in the first order of business, and inserting in the proper place such other reports as are regularly made to the Convention.

115. The By-Laws as amended were *adopted.*

116. The election of officers being the order of the day, the order of the day was postponed until 3 o'clock, and it was *voted*, That a committee be appointed to nominate all the officers of the Convention except President and Vice-President.

117. On motion of Rev. Frank Sewall the following preamble and resolutions, recommended by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, were *adopted:*—

Whereas, The Convention is informed by Prof. Scocia that he is ready to undertake the translation and publication of the *Apocalypsis Revelata*, and also of the *Arcana Cœlestia*, as soon as the necessary funds are at hand to meet the expenses of publication; therefore,

Resolved, I. That this Convention cordially commends the work of Prof. Scocia to the liberal support of the Church in this country, and solicits a continuance of the contributions to the Italian Mission Fund.

II. That we respectfully urge upon the American Sweden-

borg Printing and Publishing Society the importance of the Italian translation of the *Apocalypsis* and the *Arcana*, which will make the Word in its spiritual sense accessible to some fifty million people, and in behalf of this cause we cordially endorse the request of Prof. Scocia for such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the society may allow.

Resolved, That this Convention profoundly regrets that the efforts of our New-Church friends in Sweden appear even temporarily to be disturbed and weakened by differences of opinion as to questions of Church organization; and hopes that as far as possible they will unitedly consent to let those external questions remain in abeyance for the present, that they may be able to continue united in common loving efforts to promote the vital work of growth and extension in the knowledge and life of the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Dispensation.

Resolved, That while the Convention does not presume or desire to take part or side in respect to these differences, yet it is desirous still to continue its aid in carrying on the work which our Swedish friends, in common with ourselves, have so much at heart; and that therefore it hereby recommends to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions the same appropriation to the support of the church in Stockholm as heretofore, and also the continuance of the efforts now being made to raise the fund for the Swedenborg Memorial Church.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions the following appropriations: to the support of the Italian Mission, $200.00; to the support of the Rev. A. Schiweck of East Prussia, and the Rev. A. Boyesen of Stockholm, Sweden, the same aid as in the past year.

118. It was *voted*, That a collection for the use of the American New-Church Sabbath-school Association, be taken up at the religious services this morning.

119. The recommendation of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs that the application of the Cold Springs, Arkansas, Society for the ordination of its leader, Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, be granted, and that he be ordained with power to administer the sacraments and solemnize marriages, was *adopted*.

120. The President announced the following committees: to revise the translation of the preamble to Article V. of the Constitution, Rev. Messrs. John Worcester, S. M. Warren, and T. F. Wright; to nominate officers, Rev. S. F. Dike, Mr. W. J. Cutler, Dr. A. Goodell, Rev. John Whitehead, and Messrs. C. A. E. Spamer, S. B. Spear, and Geo. F. Root.

121. It was *voted*, That after the religious services the Convention take a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

122. The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Rev. C. H. Mann conducted religious services, and preached from LUKE viii. 27.

2.30 o'clock.

123. The Convention was called to order by the President.

124. The reports of the Rev. G. Busmann and of Rev. W. B. Hayden, were read.

125. Two communications from the Stockholm Society, Sweden, one signed by the pastor and one hundred and one members, and the other by fifty members, were read.

126. A communication from the Göteborg, Sweden, Society was read.

127. The hour set for the election of officers having arrived, the President appointed Mr. W. N. Hobart and Rev. S. C. Eby, tellers.

128. The Rev. Chauncey Giles and Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., were nominated for President.

129. On motion of Rev. Joseph Pettee the following resolution was *adopted*.

Resolved, That Dr. John W. McSlarrow, the recommendation for whose ordination by the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs has been approved, be ordained by the President of the Convention to-morrow morning; and that his ordination take place at such time in the other services as may be deemed most suitable to the President, and to Mr. Reed who conducts the morning worship.

130. The forms referred to in the report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs for use in connection with the ordination of ministers were read, and the forms were received and *adopted*.

131. It was *voted*, That so much of the report of the General Church of Pennsylvania as referred to the suspension of the Rev. William H. Schliffer, be referred to the Council of Ministers.

132. The recommendation of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs that the names of Rev. Charles A. Dunham and Rev. Cyrus Scammon, deceased, be dropped from the List of Ministers, and the names of John T. V. Croy, ordained February 15, 1885, and of Dr. John W. McSlarrow, to be ordained to-morrow, be added, and also the following names as candidates, was *adopted*: Gardiner I. Ward, April 13, 1885; William H. Alden, May 7, 1885; Henry C. Hay, May 7, 1885; William L. Worcester, May 7, 1885; Henry H. Grant, May 7, 1885.

133. The Rev. John Worcester was nominated for the office of Vice-President.

134. The Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs reported that the committee had confirmed the following persons, nominated by the President of the Convention, members of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, namely: Rev. Joseph Pettee, Rev. W. H. Hinkley, Rev. S F. Dike, D. D., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., Rev. John Goddard, Rev. Frank Sewall, and Rev. L. P. Mercer.

135. The tellers reported that they had received and counted the votes for President and Vice-President, and declared that the Rev. Chauncey Giles had been elected President, and Rev. John Worcester, Vice-President.

136. The committee to nominate officers reported the following names: for Secretaries, Rev. Willard H. Hinkley and Rev. S. S. Seward; for Treasurer, Francis A. Dewson; for the elective members of the General Council, ministers, Rev. S. F. Dike, of Maine, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Pennsylvania, Rev. L. P. Mercer, of Illinois, Rev. Frank Sewall, of Ohio; laymen, Albert Mason, of Massachusetts, Mordaunt Bodine, of New York, C. A. E. Spamer, of Maryland, W. N. Hobart, of Ohio, R. A. Keyes, of Illinois, and Robert Carswell, of Canada.

137. The Rev. T. F. Wright offered the following preamble and resolution, which were *adopted* by a rising vote.

Whereas, The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Scammon and Charles A. Dunham have, in the Providence of the Lord, been removed to the spiritual world; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention place upon its records an expression of its appreciation of their faithful and useful service in the ministry,— the former for fourteen and the latter for twenty-four years.

138. The Executive Committee reported that the subject of holding triennial or quadrennial sessions had been considered, and the committee recommended that no fixed time be designated, but that for the present the Convention act freely under the new Constitution, which requires at least triennial sessions.

139. Mr. Seward, of New York, offered the following preamble and resolution: —

Whereas, The New-York Association has invited the Convention to hold its next meeting within its limits, and the New-York Society has offered its house of worship for the purpose;

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the house of worship of the New-York Society on the last Thursday of May, 1886.

140. Rev. J. Whitehead moved to amend by substituting "June" for "May."

141. The amendment was *lost*.

142. The preamble and resolution were *adopted*.

143. The tellers reported that they had received and counted the votes for officers, and declared that all the gentlemen nominated were elected.

144. It was *voted*, That the collection to be taken up on Sunday morning be devoted to the general uses of the Convention.

145. Mr. Lewis, of Philadelphia, moved the following, which was *adopted*: —

Resolved, That the thanks of Convention be extended to the Cincinnati Society for the use of its house of worship, and

that speaking on behalf of all those who are in attendance upon its session, it acknowledge with pleasure and deep feeling the general indebtedness to the Cincinnati friends for their many hospitable attentions.

146. The President announced the following committees: Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts: Rev. W. H. Benade, Rev. S. H. Worcester, Rev. S. M. Warren, Rev. J. C. Ager; Committee to Solicit Subscriptions for the Latin works published by the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society: Rev. S. M. Warren, Rev. J. C. Ager, Dr. E. A. Whiston, Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Rev. P. B. Cabell, Rev. G. N. Smith, Rev. L. G. Jordan; to audit the Treasurer's accounts: David L. Webster, James R. Carter.

147. It was *voted*, That a collection be taken up at the religious services this evening, the proceeds to be applied to the pension of Mr. E. H. Swinney, late manager of the Board of Publication.

148. It was *voted*, That the Convention be considered as adjourned *sine die* at the close of the religious services on Sunday.

149. The 71st Selection was sung, and the President pronounced the benediction.

CHAUNCEY GILES, *President.*

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, } *Secretaries.*
S. S. SEWARD, }

Memoranda.

On Saturday evening, services preparatory to the Holy Supper were held in the church, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. J. K. Smyth, of Boston Highlands, and Rev. John Worcester, of Newtonville, Mass.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Divine worship was conducted by the Rev. James Reed, of Boston, who also preached on Rev. xxi. 16. At the same time Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, of the Cold Springs, Arkansas, Society, was presented by the Rev. John Worcester, and ordained by the President of the Convention, assisted by Rev. J. R. Hibbard, Rev. Joseph Pettee, and Rev. John Goddard; and the most holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. H. C. Dunham, S. C. Eby, H. E. Goddard, and P. B. Cabell, to two hundred and fifty communicants.

On Sunday evening, at 7.45, Rev. L. P. Mercer preached on Matt. xi. 28–30.

Reports of Officers and Committees.

No. 1. — Report of the Secretaries.

The Secretaries report that the Journal for 1884 was printed by the proprietors of the *New-Jerusalem Magazine*, with their August number. The customary number of copies was struck off for the use of the Convention; of which one hundred and ten were sent to the English Conference, a suitable number to the other foreign bodies of the Church, two hundred copies reserved, and the balance distributed to the officers, ministers, and delegates to the Convention, and to the Associations and Societies.

One hundred and ten copies of the Minutes of the English Conference were received, at a somewhat later date than usual, and forwarded to the ministers and officers of the Convention.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee the Secretaries made the regular assessments for the general expenses of the Convention soon after the adjournment a year ago; with what result, will appear by reference to the report of the Treasurer.

With reference to publishing the addresses delivered at the last Convention on "The Planting of the New Church" (Min. 119, Jour. 1884), the Secretaries report that they found it impossible to undertake the work for two reasons: first, because the Board of Publication did not deem it wise to do so unless at least one hundred subscribers could be obtained beforehand, and this, after publication of a prospectus in the *Messenger*, could not be done; and second, because while two of the writers refused to contribute their papers for publication in book form, the rest were unanimous in the opinion that they were better adapted for use in the *Messenger*. They were, therefore, left in the hands of the editor of the *Messenger* for publication.

All non-reporting ministers not belonging to Associations, have been notified of their neglect under Section 26 of the By-Laws.

Willard H. Hinkley,
S. S. Seward, } *Secretaries.*

No. 2.—Report of the Treasurer.

Francis A. Dewson, Treasurer, *in account with* the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

General Fund.

1884.		Dr.	Cr.
June 2.	To Expenses of W. H. Hinkley, Secretary.....	$18.23	
2.	Expenses of S. S. Seward, Secretary.....	26.60	
Sept. 1.	Printing and Mailing Journal.....	378.80	
Dec. 15.	Printing for Com. of Ecclesiastical Affairs...	17.50	
15.	Expenses of S. S. Seward, Secretary.....	7.00	
15.	Expenses of Rev. L. P. Mercer to Philadelphia in 1883, (Committee on Constitution) ..	50.00	
15.	Postage	1.52	
15.	Balance on hand.....	920.97	
1884.			
May 1.	By Balance of last Account		$550.32
	Collection on Sunday at Philadelphia.....		221.82
	Assessment of Michigan Association.....		13.80
	" Denver Society.....		1.60
	" New-York Association.....		67.00
	" San Francisco Society.....		5.60
	" San Francisco Second Society.		11.00
	" Maine Association, 1883		49.65
	" Illinois Association, 1883.....		90.00
	" Illinois Association, 1884.....		60.00
	" Massachusetts Association....		156.10
	" Canada Association, 1883		50.00
	" Maryland Association.....		25.90
	" General Church of Pa.		40.40
	" Ohio Association.....		60.20
	Interest on deposits.....		17.23
		$1,420.62	$1,420.62

Wilkins Fund.

1885.			
Apr. 29.	To Amount paid Theological School	$120.00	
1884.			
July 1.	By Interest on United States Bonds.....		$30.00
Oct. 1.	" " " "		30.00
1885.			
Jan. 1.	" " " "		30.00
Apr. 1.	" " " "		30.00
		$120.00	$120.00

Wales Fund.

		Dr.	Cr.
1884.			
Aug. 28.	To Amount invested in Mortgage of S. D. Garey at 5 per cent	$3,000.00	
1885.			
Apr. 28.	Amount paid Theological School	265.00	
1884.			
Aug. 19.	By Mortgage of C. Zimmerman, paid		$3000.00
19.	Interest "		90.00
Oct 1.	" F. G. Barnes		50.00
1885.			
Mar. 9.	" S. D. Garey		75.00
Apr. 4.	" F. G. Barnes		50.00
		$3,265.00	$3,265.00

Richards Fund.

1885.			
Apr. 29.	To Amount paid Board of Publication	$40.00	
1884.			
July 1.	Interest on United States Bond		$10.00
Oct. 1.	" " " "		10.00
1885.			
Jan. 1.	" " " "		10.00
Apr. 1.	" " " "		10.00
		$40.00	$40.00

Emily S. White Fund.

1884.			
Nov. 4.	To Expenses of Executive Committee to New York to approve Sale and Execute Deeds of Real Estate:		
	W. H. Hinkley	$10.00	
	James Reed	9.00	
	Jabez Fox	13.30	
1885.			
Jan. 1.	S. S. Carpenter for services	20.00	
1.	Mortgage of R. H. Andrews	3,000.00	
1.	Balance on hand	1,881.79	
1884.			
May 1.	By Balance of last Account		$292.31
19.	Rent of Wyoming property		108.28
Dec. 1.	R. H. Andrews for Real Estate		4,500.00
	" " Interest		33.50
		$4,934.09	$4,934.09

Jenkins Fund.

			Dr.	Cr.
1885.				
Apr. 29.	To Amount paid Theological School		$100.00	
1884.				
Oct. 8.	By Interest, F. G. Barnes			$50.00
1885.				
Apr. 4.	" "			50.00
			$100.00	$100.00

Cash Balances.

1885.				
May 1.	General Fund		$920.97	
1.	Emily S. White Fund		1,881.79	
1.	Deposit in Merchant's National Bank, Boston			$2,802.76
			$2,802.76	$2,802.76

Property of the Convention in the Hands of the Treasurer.

Wales Fund.	Mortgage of S. D. Garey, Newton		$3,000.00
" "	" F. G. Barnes "	2,000.00	
Jenkins Fund.	" " " "	2,000.00	
			4,000.00
Wilkins Fund.	U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (par value)		3,000.00
Richards Fund.	" " " "		1,000.00
White Fund.	Mortgage of R. H. Andrews		3,000.00
" "	Cash	1,881.79	
General Fund.	"	920.97	
			2,802.76
			$16,802.76

Examined and found correct.

D. L. Webster,
J. Richard Carter, } *Auditors.*

MRS. EMILY S. WHITE FUND.— With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Real Estate in Wyoming, Ohio, left to the Convention by Mrs. White, was sold in November last to R. H. Andrews for $4,500.00. As considerable repairs were needed involving an expenditure of several hundred dollars to put the property in order for a tenant, this sale is considered a good disposition of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis A. Dewson, *Treasurer.*

Boston, May 15, 1885.

No. 3. — Report of the Executive Committee.

Since the last meeting of the Convention the committee has held three sessions: one in Philadelphia on the second of June, 1884, one in the city of New York, November 12, 1884, and one in Cincinnati on the twenty-seventh inst.

With reference to the recommendation of this committee made last year to the Convention, that the application of the Allentown Society be granted, which recommendation was referred back to this committee with instructions to confer with the Secretary of the Allentown Society as to the nature of the communication; this committee reports that it directed its Secretaries to address a letter to the Secretary of that society, and that a reply has been received from him stating that "the writing in the hands of the members of the Allentown Society at the General Convention in Philadelphia was not an application for admission, but rather a sort of letter of introduction." The committee, therefore, withdraws its recommendation.

With regard to the communication from Mr. E. H. Swinney urging the importance of establishing a home for aged New-Church people in this country, referred to this committee (Min. 120, Jour. 1884) the committee would report that in its opinion the time has not come when the New Church can enter with any hope of success upon such an enterprise; more especially as it seems to be the duty of every New-Church Society to take care of its own indigent or aged members, and this can be done more easily and economically through the existing institutions of this kind already established, and not of a sectarian character.

The meeting in New York was called for the purpose of ratifying a sale, by the Treasurer, of the Wyoming property to Mrs. Eliza H. Andrews for the sum of $4,500. The sale was approved and confirmed, and the President and Secretaries were authorized to execute and deliver to Mrs. Andrews a good and sufficient deed of the property.

The committee at this meeting authorized the Treasurer and Secretaries to procure a corporate seal for the Convention, with the legend "Seal of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America."

The seal has been prepared and approved by this committee.

The committee, at the same meeting, appointed F. A. Dewson,

the Rev. Frank Sewall, and Julien Shoemaker, Trustees to receive contributions to the "Swedenborg Memorial."

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Secretary.*

No. 4.—REPORT OF THE NEW-CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

THE present membership and organization of the Board of Directors is as follows:—

TERM EXPIRES 1885.*	TERM EXPIRES 1886.
R. A. LEWIS, of Pa.	REV. S. S. SEWARD, of N. Y.
REV. W. GODDARD, JR., of R. I.	D. L. WEBSTER, of Mass.
F. J. WORCESTER, of N. Y.	REV. FRANK SEWALL, of Ohio.
REV. J. REED, of Mass.	MOURDANT BODINE, of N. Y.
R. M. PULSIFER, of Mass.	REV. L. H. TAFEL, of Pa.
TERM EXPIRES 1887.	**TERM EXPIRES 1888.**
REV. A. F. FROST, of Mich.	REV. JABEZ FOX, of Washington.
REV. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Pa.	H. W. GUERNSEY, of N. Y.
H. C. SPENCER, of Washington.	REV. W. B. HAYDEN, of Maine.
C. H. ALLEN, of Ohio.	JAMES M. HILL, of Illinois.
G. WOOLWORTH COLTON, of N. Y.	REV. J. R. HIBBARD, of Pa.

OFFICERS.

President.—R. M. PULSIFER, of Boston, Mass.
Secretary.—HENRY W. GUERNSEY, of New York City.
Treasurer.—MOURDAUNT BODINE, of New York City.
Executive Committee.—MESSRS. PULSIFER, GUERNSEY, BODINE, REV. S. S. SEWARD, MESSRS. COLTON, WORCESTER, and LEWIS.
Auditing Committee.—MESSRS. WORCESTER and COLTON.

The statement of the business, finances, etc., of the Board for the past year is presented below.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.

Collected prior to April 1, 1884	$38,340.14
" April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	146.75
Total Receipts	$38,486.89

* NOTE.—At a meeting of the Board subsequent to the Convention, all the members whose terms of office expired in 1885, were re-elected for the term ending in 1889, with the exception that Rev. J. C. Ager was elected in place of Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr. Mr. Ager was also added to the Executive Committee.

Fifteen Hundred Dollar "Guarantee Fund."

Balance, in Broadway National Bank, April 1, 1884	$286.46	
Paid Rev. C. H. Mann, from April 1, 1884, to July 1, 1884		$286.46

Three Thousand Dollar "Sustaining Fund."

Balance, in Broadway National Bank, April 1, 1884	$77.00	
Collected from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	1,305.00	
		$1,382.00
Paid Rev. C. H. Mann, from July 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	$724.98	
Transferred to Manager	323.36	
		$1,048,34
Balance, in Broadway National Bank, April 1, 1885		333.66
		$1,382.00

Funds in Treasurer's hands April 1, 1884	$2,223.65	
Received from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885, on "Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund"	146.75	
Collected on "Sustaining Fund," from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	1,305.00	
Income from invested funds for same time	20.00	
		$3,695.40
Transferred to Manager, from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885.	$1,976.94	
Paid Rev. James Reed, Buda Pesth Church	50.00	
Paid Rev. C. H. Mann balance "Guarantee Fund"	286.46	
" " " from "Sustaining Fund"	724.98	
Paid Manager from "Sustaining Fund"	323.36	
		$3,361.74
Funds in Treasurer's hands April 1, 1885		$333.66

Merchandise Statement.

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To Merchandise inventoried April 1, 1884	$4,679.30	
" purchased from April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	4,346.83	
To Expenses for same time	2,776.67	
		$11,802.80

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By Merchandise sales, April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885	$5,945.88	
" on hand, as per inventory	4,591.42	
Net Loss	1,265.50	
		$11,802.80

"Messenger" Statement.

DR.

To Cost of Paper	$1,171.84	
Printing and Publication Expenses	3,691.06	
Editorial Expenses	1,939.88	
		$6,802.78

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By Receipts from Subscriptions	$6,063.10	
" " Advertisements	186.71	
Net Loss for the year	552.97	
		$6,802.78

Subscription List, April 1, 1885	2,746
Free List	245
Exchange List	71
Surplus, about	100
Copies printed Weekly	3,162

Assets and Liabilities.

Plates, Types, Fixtures, etc.	$848.65	
Merchandise	4,591.42	
Cash in Manager's hands	25.87	
Debts considered good	978.64	
Assets in charge of Manager		$6,444.58
Assets in charge of Treasurer, "Sustaining Fund" deposited in Broadway National Bank		333.66
		$6,778.24
Deduct Liabilities		542.89
Net Assets		$6,235.35

Summary of Income and Expenditures.

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses, Insurance, etc	$179.22	
Loss on Merchandise	1,265.50	
" " *Messenger*	552.97	
" " bad debts	34.84	
Paid Rev. C. H. Mann	1,011.44	
" Rev. J. Reed (Buda Pesth Church)	50.00	
Amount carried forward		$3,093.97

Amount brought forward		$3,093.97
INCOME.		
Donations to Treasurer	$146.75	
" " "Sustaining Fund"	1,305.00	
Interest	20.00	
		$1,471.75
Net Loss for the year		$1,622.22
Net Assets, April 1, 1884	$7,857.57	
" " " 1, 1885	6,235.35	
Difference, which agrees with above summary,		$1,622.22

Examined and found correct.

F. J. Worcester,
G. Woolworth Colton, } *Auditors.*

By Minute 69 of the last Convention the Board was "requested to present to the Church a definite statement of its policy and needs, and especially to take steps to improve the character and increase the circulation of the *Messenger*."

It will be seen by the above financial statement that the cash assets of the Board have disappeared. It will not be necessary to enter at the present time into a detailed statement of the causes which have produced this state of things, because they have been repeatedly explained in former reports. It may be said generally, however, that it is due (1) to the low price at which books must be sold, (2) the donations of books and tracts by other societies thus reducing our sales, (3) the small profits and large expense of handling tracts. It should perhaps be said again that the loss upon merchandise account seems greater than it really is, because the Board a few years ago adopted the policy of charging all the general expenses of the rooms to this account, instead of dividing them between it and the *Messenger* account.

It will be necessary therefore for the Convention to raise the funds requisite to enable the Board to continue its work, or to let it close up the merchandise department of its business. It is believed that provision can be made for the publication of the *Messenger*, though not without some additional expense beyond that at present incurred.

In order to enable the Church to come to a wise conclusion with regard to this question the following detailed statement of the business transacted and the uses performed by the Board at the Rooms in New York is herewith submitted.

By the Merchandise Statement it appears that the total sales for the past year at the Rooms in New York have amounted to $5,945.88. This amount includes sales made for the account of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society to the amount of $1,156.96, upon which the Board receives no profit. Excluding these sales the Board has sold stock amounting to $4,788.92, for which it has paid at first cost about the sum of $3,527, as nearly as can be ascertained, showing a profit on its sales of over twenty-five per cent.

It will also appear by a careful analysis of the Ledger Accounts and Cash Sales that at least three-fourths of the total sales were made to parties to whom a discount was made of from twenty-five per cent to forty per cent from retail prices. Such discounts are properly made only to the *trade*, though most of the Board's regular customers demand and receive them. This goes to show that the business is regarded as a wholesale or jobbing, rather than as a retail business; and it will also be seen from what follows that the business of the Board is general, not local. The principal customers of the Board to whom discounts are thus allowed are: All Clergymen; The Massachusetts New-Church Union; The Philadelphia Book Association; The Brooklyn New-Church Library, The Chicago New-Church Library, and other Libraries; and Mr. Spiers, of London. Over eighty per cent of the sales are to persons outside of New York. During four months taken at random it was found that out of total sales of $1,521.04 only $264.49 were sold to persons in the Rooms or as would be said, "over the counter." Most of the books are sent by mail, and "postage" forms a large item of the yearly expenses, and the same prices are charged when books are sent by mail as when sold in the Rooms, except in the case of the publications of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society.

It has been the custom also to execute orders for binding and to make sales of books for private individuals without charging commission for the same. Also to receive and forward gratuitously subscriptions for various institutions and publications of the General Church, whereby the labors of the Manager and his assistants have been considerably increased.

In consequence of its connection with the *Messenger*, the Board is called upon to do much work which properly belongs to other organizations, for example: during the past year the Board atten-

ded to the free distribution of 35,000 tracts published by the Philadelphia Tract Society, generally in lots of one hundred copies, and 2,300 of the "Pocket Editions." It paid the expenses of transportation of this matter from Philadelphia, sorted and arranged the tracts for mailing, and paid the expenses for postage, wrapping, etc. It has on hand about 40,000 of these tracts and to handle and take care of them involves no little labor. About 14,000 have been sold during the year at prices which hardly paid for the labor of handling them.

From the above it would appear that the Board does a considerable part of the Tract Society's work gratuitously, besides paying a small portion of the expenses of the same work, the discount allowed the Board on sales being insufficient to offset the loss in the work of gratuitous distribution.

The operations of the Philadelphia Society have rendered unsalable this Board's stock of over 210,000 tracts imported from England.

As is well known, the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society occupies rooms with the Board and pays one-half the rent and six dollars per week towards the expenses of maintaining the same.

In return for this, the Board has, during the past year, handled 5,808 bound volumes and 13,711 pamphlets, of which 1,808 bound volumes and 684 pamphlets were sold, and 657 bound volumes and 3,794 pamphlets donated. The board also does the packing for mail and express, conducts all the correspondence connected with sales, and much of that connected with their donations, and keeps the accounts and makes up the statements as to both. It also pays a part of the expenses for wrapping paper, postage, stationery, etc., connected with this distribution work of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society.

At the Rooms in New York the following work is done for the *Messenger* : —

All subscriptions are there collected—mostly through the mail—the accounts kept of the same, changes of address and notices of discontinuance received, and mail-list prepared. This work is somewhat complicated by the fact that many subscribers pay half-price and many pay for extra copies at special rates.

Advertisements are received here and the accounts and correspondence relating thereto are attended to at the rooms. Supplies,

such as wrapping paper, printing paper, twine, etc., are purchased by the Manager, and all accounts of the running expenses of the *Messenger* are kept by him. The Editor's mail comes to the Rooms and is either taken by him or expressed to him therefrom.

The total work done for the *Messenger* occupies more than one-fourth of the Manager's and his assistant's time, though no part of the Manager's salary, or rent, or petty expenses of the Room is charged to the "*Messenger* Account."

The above statement shows that it has been the policy of the Board rather to perform a general use for the Church at large, than to limit its usefulness by adhering to strict business principles.

Since October last, the former Manager of the Board, Mr. E. H. Swinney, has been unable to perform his duties. At that time he had a slight stroke of apoplexy, sufficient, however, to confine him to his house and incapacitate him for work. His physician says that his illness was brought on by over-work, and that he will never be able to resume the position again. Under these circumstances, and in view of Mr. Swinney's long and faithful labors in the service of the Church, it seemed a duty that the Board should take care of him; but in order to relieve the Convention, as far as possible, from embarrassing questions in determining the future policy of the Board, it was deemed wise to make an effort to raise a pension for Mr. Swinney by private subscription, and this will be done, though at the present writing it has not been completed.

The Board, in connection with the Editor, has carefully considered the subject of the improvement of the *Messenger*, and the results of their investigations are set forth in the following letter:—

NEW YORK, April 15, 1885.

To the Board of Publication.

GENTLEMEN: I am happy to report that in its internal features, such as the quality of its contents, their variety, and steadiness of supply, the *Messenger* has been especially favored this year.

I have been more successful in calling forth the hearty coöperation of leading and representative writers in the Church than in any preceding year. The news department has also been more than usually successful in its supply of matters of interest to the *Messenger* readers. It is my present intention to add a "New-Church Family" department, to begin with our next volume. Our change of name from *New-Jerusalem Messenger* to *New-Church Messenger*, which the Board determined upon at the beginning of the

current volume, has proved a popular and useful step. It enables us to have a handsome title at the head of our sheet, and has met with the general approval of our friends. We are also to change the quality of the paper on which the *Messenger* is printed, at the beginning of our next volume.

But there are other improvements which are pressing upon us for adoption. The *Messenger* should be supplied with an entire new font of type. Most of our present supply has been in use nearly ten years, during which time over a million and a half copies of the *Messenger* have been printed from it. New type sufficient for our purposes, including new rules, dashes, etc., could be purchased for about $400. This expense would not need to be repeated for another ten years.

We have been paying from our *Messenger* Improvement Fund about $1,100 a year. To continue present arrangements, we shall need at least that for the coming year.

There has been some criticism of the high price of our paper. An editorial recently published on the subject has been useful in explaining this necessity to our readers, and has called forth some very pleasant comments. If we could reduce the price of the *Messenger*, it would be very desirable, and would prove a popular measure; but one dollar's reduction of our price would reduce our present income over $2,000. Until permanent provision could be made for this deficit, I do not see how it would be possible for us to take such a step. It appears to me far more desirable that we should enlarge the *Messenger* and improve its editorial management, which could be done for about $1,500 a year, than that we should reduce its price. I can but hope that the Board will soon see its way clear to increase the size of the *Messenger*, as well as to carry out the other desirable improvements suggested, and trusting that some decided action in this direction may be taken by the Board,

I remain very sincerely yours,

CHARLES H. MANN.

The Board heartily indorses the recommendations of the editor, and believes that there is no more important work now before the Church than the enlargement and improvement of the *Messenger*. It believes that it should be so printed and conducted as to make it compare favorably in literary ability and general appearance with the best publications of the kind in the country.

During the past year the Board has stereotyped and published

three volumes of the series of Manuals of Religious Instruction prepared for the American New-Church Sunday-School Association; namely: I. and II. of the Doctrinal Series, II. of the Bible Series, *The Gospel Story*, and III. of the Bible Series, *Our Heavenly Father's Book*, Old Testament. Of the first, seven hundred and fifty copies were printed, and a second edition has just been called for, and is now being prepared. Of the others, five hundred of each were printed. The certificates of marriage and baptism approved by the Convention, and directed to be printed (Min. 109, Jour. 1884), have been engraved and printed in appropriate style, and put on sale. Besides these, the only new edition demanded has been one of five hundred copies of the *Book of Worship*, Psalter edition.

The Iüngerich trustees report that during the year they have printed from the plates of the Board one thousand copies of the *True Christian Religion* and one thousand of the *Apocalypse Revealed*, for gratuitous distribution among the Protestant clergy of the United States.

The plates of the small work known as the *Athanasian Creed* have been put into the hands of the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, by whom they have been revised, a new title prepared, and an edition printed for free distribution to libraries, etc., with their other publications. They are to be sold, also, at a very low price, in the effort to secure as extended a circulation as possible for this comparatively little known but most useful work.

H. W. Guernsey, *Secretary*.

No. 5.—Report of the Directors of the Corporation of the New-Church Theological School.

In conformity to the By-Law, the Board of Directors respectfully submit to the Corporation their annual report.

Seventeen hundred dollars has been added to the Endowment Fund during the year, and the fund actually received now amounts to $25,820. Five hundred dollars of the receipts on account of the Endowment Fund is outside of subscriptions heretofore reported. There remain subscriptions not yet collected, amounting to $4,200, on which interest is paid in accordance with the terms of the subscriptions.

Twenty thousand dollars of the Endowment Fund is invested in mortgages at five per cent., and arrangements have been made for a further investment of $5,000 in the same way, leaving $820 earning only the interest paid for deposits in the trust companies until it can be advantageously invested more permanently.

There has been a decrease of $472.79 voluntary contributions, as compared with the year last preceding, which is much regretted. The condition of business throughout the country perhaps sufficiently accounts for the decrease of contributions, without assuming that there is any less interest in the Church that the work of the school should be sustained; but it is important that the need of increased contributions should be kept before the Church, and it is hoped that the conditions of the coming year may render it less difficult to fully supply the need. The entire income of the Corporation from all sources has been $438.42 less than the entire expenses of the school, leaving our balance of unexpended income reduced to $242.95.

The Directors have held three regular meetings and five adjourned meetings during the year. Abstracts of the records of each meeting are forwarded to all Directors not able to attend, and it is believed this practice has been efficient to keep non-resident Directors well informed of the business transacted, and their replies and suggestions have been helpful to those attending.

ALBERT MASON, *President.*
EDWARD A. WHISTON, *Clerk.*

No. 6.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

GEORGE ROPES, TREASURER, *in account with* THE CORPORATION OF THE NEW-CHURCH THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Endowment Fund.

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	Total Subscriptions paid as per account dated May 1, 1884		$24,120.00
1884.			
May 22.	Cash received from the Estate of Mrs. Henrietta Whorf	500.00	
	Cash received from W. J. Cutler	200.00	
	" " D. L. Webster	1,000.00	
			$25,820.00

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By Investments as per previous accounts rendered, viz. :		
Mortgage on Church, Land, and Parsonage, Brookline, Mass.	$8,500.00	
Mortgage on House and Land of O. D. Homer, West Newton, Mass.	6,000.00	
Mortgage on House and Land of George S. Woodman, Newtonville, Mass.	5,500.00	
By Amounts deposited, viz. :		
Mass. Loan and Trust Co.	$2,000.00	
New-England Trust Co.	3,820.00	
	$5,820.00	
		$25,820.00

Current Expenses.

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1884.			
May 1.	Cash balance as per account rendered	$681.37	
	Topeka (Kansas) Society	7.50	
7.	N. S. Simpkins, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	5.00	
23.	Abington (Mass.) Society	28.00	
	F. O. Whitney, Boston	10.00	
June 3.	Geo. S. Woodman, Interest on Mortgage	137.50	
	Alexander Officer, Chicago	20.00	
27.	Mr. Merrill's S. S. Class, Cincinnati	5.00	
	Boston Highlands Society	5.07	
Oct. 7.	Wilmington (Delaware) Society	4.00	
8.	Interest on Brookline Mortgage	212.50	
16.	O. D. Homer, Interest on Mortgage	150.00	
27.	Int. New-Eng. Trust Co. to June 25, 1884.	34.00	
Dec. 3.	Geo. S. Woodman, Interest on Mortgage	137.50	
11.	Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, St. Paul, Minn.	25.00	
1885.			
Jan. 10.	George Copeland, Jefferson, Wis.	100.00	
	Lewis Ryder, " "	50.00	
23.	New-Church Institute of Education,—		
	Jenkins Fund $120.00		
	Loring Fund 37.60		
		157.60	
	Trustees of Will of Lydia Worcester	400.00	
	Newton (Mass.) Society	100.00	
	Int. New-Eng. Trust Co. to Dec. 25, 1884.	41.58	
Feb. 16.	Rev. Joseph Pettee	39.00	
Mch. 1.	Boston Society	130.74	
April 10.	Wilmington (Delaware) Society	10.77	
17.	Bridgewater (Mass.) Society	25.00	
	Amount carried forward		$2,517.13

	Amount brought forward	$2,517.13	
April 18.	Anonymous	5.00	
20.	First N. C. Society of Philadelphia	104.82	
21.	New-York Society	48.41	
28.	N. S. Simpkins, Yarmouth Port, Mass.	25.00	
29.	R. M. Pulsifer, Int. on Subscription to Endowment Fund	150.00	
	William J. Cutler, Int. on Subscription to Endowment Fund	20.00	
	D. L. Webster, Int. on Subscription to Endowment Fund	100.00	
30.	Interest on Brookline Mortgage	212.50	
	O. D. Homer, Interest on Mortgage	150.00	
	Trustees of Will of Lydia Worcester	175.00	
	N. C. Inst. of Education, Jenkins Fund	60.00	
	F. A. Dewson, Treasurer Gen. Convention:		
	Jenkins Fund $100.00		
	Wilkins Fund 120.00		
	Wales Fund 265.00		
		485.00	
	Abington (Mass.) Society	28.66	
May 1.	H. C. Thacher, Boston	200.00	
	George Ropes, Boston	100.00	
	Interest, Mass. Loan and Trust Co. $70.00		
	" New England " " 23.88		
		93.88	
			$4,475.40

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By paid Mass. New-Church Union, rent of rooms	$320.87	
Taxes on Land at Chicago	89.61	
Stationary and Printing	45.15	
Gas and Fuel	32.37	
Fire Insurance	4.50	
Cleaning Rooms	1.00	
Aid to Students	467.00	
Salaries of Instructors	2,930.00	
Printing and Advertising for Correspondence School	341.95	
Balance deposited, New-England Trust Co.	242.95	
		$4,475.40

E. & O. E. Boston, May 1, 1885.

George Ropes, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

Wm. J. Cutler,
F. A. Dewson,
R. M. Pulsifer,
} *Finance Committee.*

A true copy.

E. A. Whiston,
Clerk of the Corporation.

No. 7. — Report of the Treasurer of the New-Church Building Fund.*

New-Church Building Fund *in account with* George Ropes, Treasurer.

1884.			
May 1.	By Balance as per account rendered Convention 1884	$838.23	
1885.			
May 6.	By Interest from Mass. Loan and Trust Co.	28.81	
22.	" " Crossville (Tenn.) Society Mortgage	15.00	
	Balance on hand		$882.04
	Deposited Mass. Loan and Trust Co.	$823.23	
	Cash on hand	58.81	
			$882.04
	Investments.		
	By amount advanced to Crossville (Tenn.) Society on Mortgage	$250.00	
	Making a total fund of		$1,132.04

E. & O. E.

Boston, June 15, 1885.

George Ropes, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

D. L. Webster.
James Richard Carter.

No. 8. — Report of the Trustee of the Rice Legacy.

D. L. Webster, Trustee, *in account with* the Rice Legacy.

Receipts.

1884.			
June 1.	Cash on hand as per report	$862.56	
Oct. 3.	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to Oct. 1	35.00	
	Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to Oct. 1	35.00	
1885.			
Jan. 15.	First National Bank Dividend, Oct. 1	120.00	
April 10.	" " " " Apr. 1	120.00	
17.	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to April 1	35.00	
	Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. Bond, Coupon, 6 mo. to April 1	35.00	
May 19.	Balance of interest on account to date at 3 per cent	26.43	
			$1,268.99

* This Report was received too late to be read to the Convention.

Disbursements.

1884.		
Dec. 6.	Cash, Mass. New-Church Union:	
	Books to H. C. Hay	$48.35
	Miss C. A. Buswell	1.38
	E. W. Shurtleff	44.70
1885.		
Jan. 13.	New Jerusalem Magazine:	
	to F. Putnam, 1 year to Dec. 1885	2.00
	Mrs. G. F. Frost, 1 year to Dec. 1885.	2.00
Feb. 26.	New-Church Board of Publication:	
	Books to Mansfield Town Library	12.86
	Thomas Black	4.80
	A. Bates	12.86
	C. W. Mihill	12.86
	Mass. New-Church Union: Children's Magazine to F. L. Putnam	1.00
	New-Church Board of Publication; Messenger to F. Putnam, H. H. Putnam, F. L. Putnam, Mrs. F. Frost, G. F. Frost	11.88
	Books to G. F. Stearns	5.65
May 19.	Balance of account deposited in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	1,108.65
		$1,268.99

Property of the Rice Legacy, May 19, 1885.

24 Shares Stock of First National Bank of Boston, at $200 per share	$4,800.00
One Bond of Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith R. R. Co. guaranteed by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. Co., at 113 1-2 and interest	1,144.13
One Bond of Marion and McPherson R. R. Co. guaranteed by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé R. R. Co., at 113 1-2 and interest	1,144.13
Cash balance as above in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	1,108.65
	$8,196.91
This Amount consists of Principal	$6,800.00
Unexpended Income	1,396.91
	$8,196.91

E. & O. E.

D. L. Webster, *Trustee.*

Examined and found correct.

F. A. Dewson, *Auditor.*

Boston, May 23, 1885.

No. 9.— Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.

1884.

May 1.	Balance of Cash on hand		$1,010.58
	Receipts.		
	Interest on Mortgage, Portland Society	$288.62	
	" " " J. R. Carter	300.00	
	" " " H. S. Brown	131.50	
	" " Bonds, Eastern Railroad	180.00	
	" " Deposit, N. E. Trust Co.	21.86	
	Dividend, Bank of Redemption	240.00	
			$1,161.98
			$2,172.56
	Expenditures.		
	Insurance	$46.25	
	Safe Deposit Company	5.00	
	Trustees' Commission	166.68	
			$217.93
	Balance of Cash on hand		$1,954.63
	Property on Hand.		
	40 shares Bank of Redemption, cost	$4,477.20	
	$3,000 Bonds, Eastern R. R. Co.	2,782.50	
	Mortgage, Portland Society	5,725.00	
	" J. R. Carter	6,000.00	
	" H. S. Brown	2,000.00	
	Cash	1,954.63	
			$22,939.33
	Stereotype Plates, Books for the Blind, Photo-Lithographs of Swedenborg's Manuscripts, which cost		$8,506.94
			$31,446.27

Peleg W. Chandler,
Francis A. Dewson, } *Trustees.*

Boston, May 1, 1885.

No. 10.—Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs.

Four subjects were referred to this committee by previous Conventions. As to the first subject, that of the Translation of the Word, the committee has awaited with much interest the appearance of the Revised Bible, but has now no report to present on any aspect of this great subject.

In the matter of forms for use in connection with the ministry, the committee reports herewith a series of forms, asking liberty to revise the appended quotations from the Word and the doctrines with a view to the perfection of the translation.

In considering a form of certificate of confirmation, the committee was led to think that it would be useful to the Church to consider and report upon the whole subject of the use and meaning of a service introductory to the first Communion. If this subject be committed to us, we will present a report next year.

The Committee has attended to the matter embraced in Minutes 83 and 88, in regard to the title and functions of the ministers of the third grade, and would report that no change is necessary in the present By-Laws.

The application of the Cold-Springs Society of Arkansas, for the ordination of its leader, Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, was referred to this committee and was fully considered, with the result that we would recommend in view of the peculiar circumstances and the isolation of this society, that the Convention grant the application, and that he be ordained with power to administer the sacraments and to solemnize marriages.

The application of Rev. S. H. Spencer, whose name had been dropped from the list of ministers at his suggestion, that his name be restored, he having resumed ministerial work, has been considered, and it is hereby recommended that his name be restored to its former place.

The committee must defer its report on other changes in the list of ministers till all the reports of Associations have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*
T. F. Wright, *Secretary.*

The forms referred to in the above report are as follows:—

1.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY.

To.....*General Pastor of*.....*Association.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....a member of the New Church, at present pursuing a course of theological study [in the..... Theological School] under my direction, is hereby recommended as being in moral character and intellectual acquirements deserving of recognition as a Candidate for the Ministry of the New Church, and of being authorized as such according to the provisions of Section 16 of the Constitution of the General Convention.

Signed.....

Principal, or Pastor of.....

2.

AUTHORIZATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE NEW CHURCH.

To the Members of the Lord's New Church, greeting:—

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that upon the recommendation of..... Principal of.....[or Pastor of.....] .....is hereby recognized as a Candidate for the Ministry of the New Church, and as such, authorized for one year from date, and under the supervision of the above.....Principal [or Pastor] to lead in public worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals.

Signed.....

General Pastor of.....

"Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."—ST. LUKE xxiv. 49.

3.

APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION.

To the Rev.....*General Pastor of*.....

I, the undersigned, desiring to serve in the Ministry of the Lord's New Church, the doctrines of which, as contained in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, I do sincerely and unreservedly accept and believe, hereby apply for Ordination, at your hands, into the sacred order of the Priesthood.

Signed by me,.....this.....day of .....A. D. 18

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the.....Association, by its proper authority, sanctions the application of the above ..... for Ordination into the [First Degree of the] Priesthood, with power to.....

.....

Signed by me,.....Secretary or Clerk

.....Association, this.....day of..... 18

4.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY LORD GOD, THE SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE REIGN SHALL BE FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

To the Members of the Lord's New Church, greeting: —

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....of.....was, on .....the.....day of.....A. D.....upon his application, and with the sanction of the.....Association introduced by me, by the Laying on of Hands, into the [First Degree of the] Priesthood of the Lord's New Church, with power to.....

.....

Signed by me,.....General Pastor of.....

.....this.....day of.....A. D. 18

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."—ST. MARK xvi. 15.

"The Lord Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall endure for ages of ages. 'Blessed are they that come to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"—T. C. R., n. 791.

"The clergy, because they are to teach doctrine from the Word, concerning the Lord, and concerning redemption and salvation from Him, are to be inaugurated by the promise of the Holy Spirit and by the representation of its translation; but it is received by a clergyman according to the faith of his life. The Divine which is meant by the Holy Spirit, proceeds from the Lord through the clergy to the laity, by preaching, according to reception of the doctrines of truth thence."—CANONS, *De Spiritu Sancto*, Chap. iv. 7, 8.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them. They must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church, from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and by them lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the Sheep."—H. D., n. 315.

5.

APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION INTO THE PASTORATE.

To the Rev.....General Pastor of .....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....a minister of the New Church has been invited by the.....Society to become its Pastor, and it is therefore their mutual desire that he..... be by you installed into the Pastoral Office, with power to administer the sacraments and to consecrate marriages.

Signed by us,

..... } *Members entitled*
..... } *to represent the*
..... } *Society.*

.....*Minister applying.*

this.....day of.....A. D. 18

6.

CERTIFICATE OF INSTALLATION INTO THE OFFICE OF PASTOR.

IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY LORD GOD, THE SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE REIGN SHALL BE FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

To the Members of the Lord's New Church, greeting: —

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....of..... a minister of the New Church was, on the.....day of.....A. D. 18 at the application of the.....Society, installed by me into the Pastoral Office, with power to administer the sacraments and to consecrate marriages.

Signed by me,.....General Pastor of..... this .....day of.....A. D. 18

"As ye go, preach, saying: The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give. . . . And when ye come unto an house, salute it, and if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it. . . .

He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me."— MATT. x. 7, 8, 12, 13, 40.

"The Shepherd, or he that feeds, is one who teaches and leads to good of charity; and the flock is he that learns and is lead."— A. C., n. 4713.

"They that lead the flock to good of charity, are they that gather the flock; but they that do not lead to good of charity, are they that scatter abroad; for all gathering and union is of charity, and all dispersion and disunion is from want of charity."— A. C., n. 343.

"The ecclesiastical order on earth administers the things which pertain to the Lord's priestly office, that is, the things which are of His love, thus also the things which pertain to *Benediction*. It is fitting, therefore, that marriages should be consecrated by His ministers."— C. L., n. 308.

"Priests must teach the people and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one, since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true."— H. D., n. 318.

"He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated, for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists."— H. D., n. 318.

7.

APPLICATION FOR INVESTITURE WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL PASTOR.

I.

To.....
.....
Secretaries of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States: —

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the.....Association desire the investiture of the Rev.....a Pastor of the New Church, with the Office of General Pastor, and that to this end they ask the sanction of the General Convention.

Signed by me,.....Secretary or Clerk of the .....Association, on this the.....day of.....A. D. 18

II.

To..... ..... *President of the General Convention:* —

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that at the request of the..... Association, the sanction of the General Convention, has been given for the Investiture of the Rev.....with the office of General Pastor; and that the Convention and the said.....do hereby apply for his solemn investiture with this office.

Signed by us,

.....

Sec'y of Com. on Eccles. Affairs

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Secretaries of the Gen. Convention.

.....

Name of the Candidate.

this.....day of.....A. D. 18

8.

CERTIFICATE OF INVESTITURE WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL PASTOR.

IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY LORD GOD THE SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST WHOSE REIGN SHALL BE FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

To the Members of the Lord's New Church, greeting: —

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on.....day of .....A. D., ...the Rev.....of.....a Pastor of the New Church was, at the request of the.....Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, invested by.....through the Laying on of Hands, with the office of General Pastor in the Priesthood of the New Church, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association or of the General Convention.

Signed by us,

..... } *General Pastors officiating in the Laying on of Hands.*
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this.....day of.....A. D. 18

"I pray . . . that they all may be one."—ST. JOHN xvii. 21.

"And there shall be one fold and one shepherd."—x. 16.

"He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep."—xxi. 17.

"Priests are appointed to administer the things which are of the Divine law and worship."—H. D., n. 319.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers. . . . And there must be order among the rulers, lest any from caprice or inexperience should permit evils against order and so destroy it; which is guarded against, when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination. . . . Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven are called Priests, and their office, the Priesthood."—H. D., nos. 312, 313, 314.

No. 11. — Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions present the following annual Report: At the last session of the General Convention, held in Philadelphia, the following resolution was *adopted:* —

"*Resolved*, That the Convention appreciating the importance of the work to be performed, and the inadequacy of the means hitherto provided for it, earnestly recommends that an effort be made to raise not less than $5,000 annually for this purpose; and that the Board be authorized to adopt all possible means for its accomplishment."

In accordance with this recommendation, the Board, by its Chairman, issued a circular soon after the Convention meeting, calling attention to the foregoing resolution, and soliciting aid for the Board. This circular was supplemented by a further appeal published in the *New-Jerusalem Messenger* of the 6th of August. How far the appeals have been successful, will be seen when it is stated that the amount of subscriptions and donations received for the year ending May 1, 1885, was $2,151.60. This amount has been paid by one hundred and fifty-two individuals. Compared with last year, this shows an increase of $633.25 in the amount subscribed, and of seventy-eight in the number contributing. Of the amounts subscribed there remains the sum of $221 unpaid.

No meeting of the Board has been held in the interim between the last Convention and the present. The Board has not employed any missionary, but has continued to assist some of those already in the field.

At the last meeting of the Board the claims of Rev. W. A. L. Campbell were urged for work to be done in Texas, and it was determined to appropriate a sum sufficient to enable Mr. Campbell to make a visit to Eagle Pass. Some work was performed, but there were too few interested at that place to justify Mr. Campbell remaining for any length of time, or repeating his visit. He is

still residing in Galveston, Texas, and is engaged in teaching, not finding a disposition on the part of the colored people to hear him.

The Board appropriated the sum of $100 in December last, to aid the Canada Association in carrying on its missionary operations. This Association has become more active of late, the Rev. Mr. Bowers being regularly and constantly employed.

Nothing has been done in Kansas during the past year. The receivers there live at great distances from each other, and without a resident missionary, but little can be accomplished.

The Rev. Mr. Dunham, of Topeka, has been requested to have oversight of this field, and, as far as he has time and opportunity, to minister to the wants of the New-Church people of Kansas.

The Rev. J. P. Smith, of McMinnville, Tenn., has continued to labor successfully in East Tennessee, at the same rate of compensation as heretofore. The Board is abundantly satisfied of the usefulness of Mr. Smith's labors, but has always desired that he might have a somewhat more extended field of labor,— one that would embrace places where there were larger populations than in those he has visited. This desire seems now likely to be accomplished. It is proposed that Mr. Smith take up his residence in Chattanooga, a very thriving city and a great railroad centre, from which he can have easy access to Atlanta, Knoxville, and other places. The change will, doubtless, be made as soon as it becomes practicable for him to leave McMinnville, where he has had a settled home for a number of years.

The Rev. Mr. Brickman has been lecturing since last December in various points in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Georgia. In Arkansas he has visited Fort Smith, Hackett City, and Hamburg, remaining some weeks in these places, and awakening a very lively interest in the doctrines of the New Church among a people only a few of whom had ever heard of the New Church. The same may be said of Bastrop and Monroe City, Louisiana, which he visited *en route* to Savannah. His stay in the two places last named was short, but the interest very great. He has found the clergy, with one exception, not only willing to let him have free opportunity to gather his audiences and lecture, but to aid him in making his arrangements, and in some instances openly approving the doctrines taught. In Savannah the society has been much reduced by deaths and removals. Mr. Brickman has been lecturing in a public hall, and has made visits to other places in Georgia; Augusta

among others. Mr. Brickman brings the knowledge of the doctrines of the New Church to a large number of people in a general way, not only by his lectures, but by frequent conversations and the sale and distribution of large numbers of books and tracts. This work must precede that of watering and nourishing the seed already sown. The distances to be travelled in the South are much greater than in other parts of our country, as it is much less thickly settled. The expenses of the missionary are consequently much greater. In consideration of this fact, and of the hard unremitting labor performed, we have increased the amount paid to Mr. Brickman, and would be glad to still further increase it, if the funds would justify it.

In regard to foreign missions, the Board has felt it to be proper to extend the same aid as last year, except in the case of Mr. Boyesen which has been increased by $75.00 on account of special contributions.

The sum of $5.00 has been paid by the Board for freight on Swedish tracts printed in Philadelphia and sent to Mr. Boyesen.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Winslow, of Copenhagen, is herewith submitted.

The Board appropriated the sum of $9.11, which was expended in the purchase of books which were sent to the city of Mexico in the care of Mr. F. R. Guernsey, who has gone there to reside. Ten copies of *Heaven and Hell*, given by the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau, formed a part of the consignment.

Communication from Rev. W. Winslow.

Ravnsborggade 16 B., Copenhagen N., May 1, 1885.

Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, Secretary: —

Dear Sir and Brother: The kind words you said to me, when we parted last summer, have often come back to my mind. You invited me to write to you and let you know how I was getting along. I have construed this invitation also to mean that you desired my annual reports to be henceforth directed to you as the Secretary of the Board of Missions, not to Rev. F. Sewall as before. Should I be wrong in this point, please excuse the mistake, and give me the instructions of the Board for future guidance.

A few days ago I had the great pleasure to receive from Mr. E. A. Whiston, by request of Rev. Mr. Pettee, Chairman of the Board of Missions, a draft for the equivalent of $150, for which money I herewith beg to return my sincerest thanks.

During the past year I have worked on quietly and steadfastly; and although I am not able to point to any great results, yet I think the situation is on the whole

tolerably satisfactory. It is in itself a matter of great difficulty to break ground for the New-Church doctrines in Denmark; besides, the New Church here will necessarily remain weak and dependent on her elder sisters abroad, as long as she must fight with poverty and can have no hope of being recognized by the government, or of getting a proper place of worship. We must count, therefore, with small numbers, most likely for a long time yet to come. Nevertheless, when comparing our progress with that made in Sweden and Germany, I think we have no reason to despond. In the German empire, comprising a population of forty-five millions, there are, perhaps, no more than two or three hundred persons belonging to the New Chhurch. In Sweden, where there seems to be a much greater receptivity for the heavenly truths than here, and where these have had their advocates right along for more than a hundred years since Swedenborg's own time, there is said to be also in the neighborhood of three hundred members of the New Church. In Denmark hardly anybody had even heard of the existence of such a Church till about fifteen years ago. The small New-Church society which was established here at that time has since then, as you know, twice suffered disruption. Yet, in spite of all drawbacks and disasters, we have not only held our own, but are constantly gaining ground, the present number of members being about fifty in Copenhagen, fourteen in Aalborg* and vicinity (northern part of Jutland), and a few more at Elsinore; those persons not counted in, of course, who have either separated from us, or are only subscribers to our monthly paper.

I mentioned Aalborg. The New-Church doctrines commenced to take root there a little earlier than at any other place in Denmark; the earliest receivers, however, are now no more in this world, and of those from a more recent period several have gone to the United States, where two of them died not long ago. During the five or six years of Rev. Mr. Boyesen's ministry in Copenhagen (August, 1871–May, 1877), he made regular visits to Aalborg, once every year, as far as I know, staying there several weeks at a time. It is a voyage of about fifteen hours by steamer. Mr. Alfred Hellemann, who then became the leader of the society, did also visit Aalborg several times,—last time subsequent to its dissolution when he was invited by his brethren at that place to come and assist at a funeral. Then came a long period of estrangement, as it were; a few contributions found their way now and then to the funds of the Copenhagen Society as before, but, on the whole, there seemed to be but little interest left for the common cause amongst our Aalborg brethren. They ceased assembling for worship, as they had once done. They received good reports about me from their friends here, yet did not appear to care much for seeing me in their midst; I received no invitation, at least, to come and visit them, and could not afford to do so at my own expense, nor did I feel any great inclination in this regard, as long as I had no power to administer the sacraments. Thus years went by, until my ordination took place, the necessity of which step was fully recognized by all of them. Foremost amongst those who expressed their hearty approval of the ordination was Mr. Hellemann, the former leader of the society, who was living then, as he is still, not far from Aalborg as a teacher. After that time signs multiplied, showing an increasing interest, and finally on the first of November, 1884, I received a kind letter from one of the brethren, with the request to come over to Aalborg at once, if possible, as they wanted me to baptize a little child, and to administer the Holy

* To be pronounced All, or Awlborg. Aa—the Swedish *ä*.

Supper to them. I started by the next steamer, and remained with them for a whole week — days never to be forgotten. I lectured and preached three times during that week, and was constantly with the brethren, engaged in lively conversation with them on spiritual topics. One lady and one young man were added to the little flock under circumstances of peculiar interest. I felt very happy in their midst, and my feelings towards them were evidently reciprocated. In June or July I have promised to visit them again, and this time to stay at least four weeks with them. Since I left, they have commenced to assemble again for worship as in former days, and all accounts go to show that they feel satisfied and strengthened, and that they are full of new hope and new life.

I am regularly publishing our monthly paper *Fremtiden*, the greater part of which now consists of original articles. I have solemnized two marriages last year. Of those that withdrew from the society about two years ago, one family, consisting of husband and wife, three grown and two smaller children have joined us again.

I have no more to add this time than the assurance of my brotherly love, and the hope of being kindly remembered by my American New-Church brethren.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all! Amen.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM WINSLOW.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, TREASURER, *in account with* THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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1884.			
May 15.	To Balance	$60.00	
	Subscriptions received	1,930.60	
			$1,990.60

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1884.			
May 15.	By amounts paid as follows: —		
	Rev. J. P. Smith	$755.20	
	Rev. A. O. Brickman	300.00	
	Rev. W. A. L. Campbell	50.00	
	Canada Association	100.00	
	Rev. A. T. Boyesen	225.00	
	Rev. Wm. Winslow	150.00	
	Rev. A. Schiweck	100.00	
	Sig. Loreto Scocia	150.00	
	Printing 3,000 Circulars, Subscription Blanks, and Return Envelopes	23.25	
	Envelopes and Addressing	7.88	
	Postage on do.	25.00	
	Cost of Mailing	5.00	
	Amount carried forward		$1,891.33

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Postal Cards and printing same		3.25
Books for Mexico		9.11
C. S. Odhner, freight on tracts to Sweden		5.00
Postage (sundry)		2.63
Expressage		1.25
Balance		78.03
		$1,990.60

E. & O. E.
BOSTON, May 15, 1885.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY, *Treasurer.*

No. 12.— REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

THE Report of the President of the School herewith submitted, will give an account of the present condition of the School, and of the work of the year that has just closed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The sessions of the school have been held in the same rooms as last year, at 169 Tremont Street, Boston. Ten students have been in attendance, including the whole of last year's class, and two others. The instructors have been the same as heretofore, except Mr. Howard M. Ticknor, instructor in Elocution, and the Rev. T. F. Wright, who has had charge of the department of Homiletics and Pastoral Duties. This department has not had a separate instructor since 1867, when it was under the care of the Rev. Warren Goddard. Mr. Wright has given one afternoon a week to the advanced class. If the other classes were full, more time would be required. He has usually heard two sermons, or a sermon and a lecture, at each session, making such comments and corrections as would be useful to the class; and has given an informal lecture of half an hour, upon the preparation of sermons and lectures, and upon subjects connected with pastoral work. It is satisfactory to have this important department attaining a healthy and independent development.

Prof. Paine has taught the advanced class in Hebrew and Greek, Thursday forenoons only. With this exception, the times of instruction have been nearly the same as before. Dr. Dike has given instruction on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of every other week, directing also a considerable amount of reading upon

the subjects of study. The course this year has included the development of Christian doctrine, from the beginning through the first thousand years, to the time of the separation of the Eastern and the Western Churches. Mr. Werren has taught the elementary classes in the languages, on Tuesday and Thursday forenoons, and has given his instruction with a systematic thoroughness which has been highly appreciated.

The Normal Class for Sunday-school teachers, has been continued on Thursday afternoons. About twenty-five ministers and teachers have attended the lessons, besides the Theological students. The subject has been, the Correspondences of the Book of Exodus.

The course of instruction in our school has been gradually developed. At first very little system was possible. The subjects of study were to a considerable extent, new, and experience was required to show the most profitable order for presenting them. The terms were short, and mostly in the summer, that the students might be free for practical service in the winter. The demand for ministerial service was urgent, and the importance of thorough preparation was little appreciated; so it was difficult to retain students in their preparatory work for a reasonable length of time. It was not possible, therefore, to fix a definite course of study for the school, upon the satisfactory completion of which, students should be regularly graduated. But these things have been steadily improving. The proper studies, and the order of them, have become clearer; a systematic arrangement has become possible; the terms have lengthened from two months to seven; and students have given the strength of the year to their work for three successive years. And now it is possible to present to the Church three students who have completed the full work of the three years to the satisfaction of the instructors. Others who have been connected with the school from two to three years, and have taken a considerable part of the course, are also about to enter upon their work. But it seemed well, under the circumstances, to mark the close of this year with appropriate graduating exercises, and to present diplomas of graduation to William Hyde Alden, Henry Clinton Hay, and William Loring Worcester. This action, which was recommended by the Board of Instruction, was approved by the Board of Managers, and, with the coöperation of the Boston Society, appropriate services were held in their church upon the afternoon of

the seventh of May, and the diplomas were presented in the name of the two Boards. I am confident that it will be for the benefit of the Church and of the school, to have a standard of education thus presented; and that the effect will be seen hereafter in the more thorough preparation of our ministers.

The Correspondence School, which was established last year for the benefit of ministers who are approaching the New Church, and who desire assistance in their studies, is not a failure; but it does not yet succeed in reaching those for whom it was designed. Of the four ministers not of the New Church, connected with it a year ago, one has died, and two others have been unable to give time and strength to the work. Two other clergymen have recently applied for and received the Notes to *Heaven and Hell*.

Among New-Church people who are interested in making a more thorough study of the doctrines of the Church, the Notes and Questions are doing good service. Those upon the *True Christian Religion*, which have been issued this year, have been sent to sixty persons. Of these, six have been entered for correspondence, which has been conducted by Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr. Perhaps the Notes and Questions would be used more extensively by the circles of readers throughout the country, if their helpfulness were generally known. Efforts to reach the intelligent ministers of the Old Church will be continued, possibly with some modifications of the work proposed. The preparation of the Notes will occupy one more year; after which this part of the school-work will probably be self-sustaining.

JOHN WORCESTER, *President.*

A meeting of the Board of Managers was held upon the seventh of May; the recommendation of the Board of Instruction was adopted; and the Managers who were able to be present, attended the graduating exercises. A large and interested company were collected, and the exercises were of so high a character as amply to justify the diplomas, and to place the school in a distinctly new position.

It is intended hereafter, as before, to receive all students for the ministry who can be benefited by the instruction, and to do for them all that can be done. But diplomas will be given only to those students who do the full work of a three years' course, not less comprehensive than the present, to the satisfaction of the Boards in charge of the school. The course will be modified and

improved from time to time; but the tendency will not be to lower the standard. It may frequently happen that students, from lack of time or of previous preparation, can take only a part of the course, and yet will make useful ministers to the Church. The school will welcome these, and give them every possible assistance. But it will be a benefit to the Church to have such a standard of attainment in the school as to require a fair amount of preparatory education, and industrious application to the work of direct preparation for the ministry during the three school years.

The course of study completed by the present class, has comprised, in the department of Theology, *Heaven and Hell*, the *Four Doctrines*, the *Divine Love and Wisdom*, the *Divine Providence*, the *Last Judgment*, the *Apocalypse Revealed*, the *True Christian Religion*, and a part of *Conjugial Love*; also lectures giving an introduction to nearly the whole of the *Arcana*, with instruction in correspondences.

In the department of Homiletics, it has included exercises in the writing of essays, lectures, and sermons, together with instruction in Pastoral Duties.

In Church history, it has embraced courses of reading, together with oral instruction, upon the history of the period from Abraham to the Captivity; from the Captivity to the Coming of the Lord; and from the beginning of the Christian Era to the separation of the Eastern and the Western Churches.

In the Languages, a thorough drill has been given in the elements of the three Sacred languages; about six chapters of the *Arcana* have been read in Latin; the Book of Mark, fourteen chapters of John, and nine of the Apocalypse, have been read in Greek; eight chapters of Genesis, twelve of Deuteronomy, and twenty of Ezekiel, have been read in Hebrew. The amount read in these languages is not large; but careful knowledge, and not a great quantity, has been desired; and it must be said that too much time has been required to impart the elements of the languages to those who knew nothing of them before. Measures should be taken at least to diminish this waste of the school in the future.

Weekly exercises in Elocution also have been attended.

The Board is of opinion that this standard of attainment ought not to be lowered, but rather improved as opportunity offers; and that the giving of diplomas to students who complete the full course satisfactorily, will be of substantial assistance in maintaining the

standard. We think the friends of the school are to be congratulated upon the results of the year; and upon the evidence given of the ability of the school to do its full part in the preparation of young men for the ministry of the New Church.

The members of the Board of Managers whose term now expires are Rev. Chauncey Giles, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, Wm. McGeorge, Jr., and George Ropes. The Board nominates the same gentlemen for re-election.

For the Board of Managers,

SAMUEL F. DIKE, *Chairman.*

No. 13.—Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Report for the past year embraces letters from Signor Loreto Scocia, of Florence, Italy; Rev. A. Boyesen, of Stockholm, Sweden; and Rev. A. Schiweck, of East Prussia.

ITALY.

Signor Scocia writes: —

"It is for me a subject of deep gratification and of humble gratitude to the Lord, to be able to announce that the mission of the New Church in Italy which for fifteen years you have sustained with your constant, generous, and Christian sympathy, has made marked progress during the past year.

"The proof of this progress lies in the unceasing demand for the theological writings of Swedenborg, which, I regret to say, I have not been able to satisfy wholly, since many of the works asked for have not yet been translated.

"The following is the list of those published in Italian and sold in the course of the year.

"Writings of Swedenborg and collateral works sold in Italy 1884–85: —

True Christian Religion	12 Copies.
Heaven and Hell	5 "
Divine Providence	1 "
Divine Love and Wisdom	1 "
New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine	3 "
Summary Exposition	4 "

The Decalogue Explained	30 Copies.
Catechism of New Church	45 "
Life of Swedenborg	25 "
Religion of Good Sense	4 "
Does the Brain Think?	250 "
"La Nuova Epoca"	9 "

"To give greater impulse to the propagation of the heavenly doctrines a new distribution has been made to the ninety leading public libraries of Italy. To each one has been sent a package containing *The True Christian Religion* and seven of the volumes or tracts published during the last five years. The gift has been highly appreciated by nearly all of the librarians, and they have responded in letters full of warm expressions of gratitude bearing the assurance that these valued volumes, like those already received, have been registered in the library catalogue and placed at the public disposal.

"The little Catechism for instructing children in the doctrines of the New Church, recently published in Italian, has been received with joy by all our brethren. They have not ceased to praise the little book, which they speak of in their letters as 'a precious jewel,' and 'as necessary to their spiritual growth as their daily bread to their body's.'

"You have been informed that the sacrament of baptism of the New Church was for the first time in Italy, administered on the second of November, 1884, to three Italian children, whose parents, Signor and Signora Gnocchi, have for ten years been receivers of the heavenly doctrines. This was for our little society a most happy event, in which also our distant members took a most cordial interest, as expressed by their letters and telegrams of congratulation. I will transcribe two brief extracts from these letters. Signor Ambrosio, of Bari, wrote: —

"'I thank you for your promptness in sending me this happy information and for the joy you have thus afforded my sister and myself in being able to be present in spirit at the sacred function of baptism which for the first time with us has been administered to the children of our beloved brother Gnocchi, to whom we beg you to convey our most cordial and sincere congratulations.'

"Signor Poma, Librarian in Partinico, Sicily, writes: —

"'Signor Gnocchi has sent me the photograph of his three baptized children, which are truly like three little angels of the same likeness, and he has told me in detail about the sacred function. The organization of the New Church is thus begun in Italy, and I hope to behold it in its fulness.'

"But so great a joy to our brother Gnocchi and his family was soon to be turned into grief, as on the sixth of last February, after a brief illness, Signora Gnocchi died, leaving the unhappy husband with four children in great affliction. I visited him to extend what comfort I might, and I was greatly edified by his Christian resignation to the Divine Will, the fruit of the bright and consoling doctrine of the goodness of the Lord and of the life after death.

"As you already know, the translation of the writings of Swedenborg into the Italian has always been my principal occupation. It was therefore not without regret that I was obliged to suspend the translation of the *Arcana Cœlestia*, which I have begun, owing to the lack of encouragement afforded. I have still cherished the hope that I may be able to resume this work if the two Swedenborg Printing Societies, those of England and America, will follow the example of the General Convention in lending their aid and encouragement to this arduous and expensive work. But should this hope fail me it would be a great satisfaction to be able at least to translate and publish the *Apocalypse Revealed* in order that our Italian readers of Swedenborg who have heard so much of the spiritual sense of the Sacred Scriptures may be able to know something of the new hermeneutics inaugurated by our author in his revelation of this inner sense.

"Meanwhile I have translated *De Commercio Animae et Corporis* and *De Telluribus in Universo*. My translations of these two works are already in press and will be published as soon as possible. I am also at present preparing a Liturgy of which we are in urgent need, the adherents of the New Church in Italy being greatly scattered and isolated, and a manual of prayer is especially needed in helping them to conduct their family worship.

"My labors in past years have been mainly those of preparation. It was necessary not only to translate some of the leading works of Swedenborg but, besides, to form with the publication of other congenial writings, the beginning of a New-Church literature, which might assist in facilitating the understanding of the doctrines, and hence their propagation, also. This purpose has now been in a measure accomplished in the publication of twenty-two volumes and tracts, so that to-day we find ourselves in possession of the means of propaganda which we have not had in past years, and hence we may engage with some reasonable hope of success in the external organization of the Church. I say with a reasona-

ble hope of success ; because the New Church having no purpose of material gain and looking merely to the spiritual regeneration of humanity, its holy doctrines cannot interest the purely natural man, who for the most part pays no attention to a new institution in which he sees no earthly advantages answering to his desires. Therefore the establishment of our loved Church on the earth has proceeded and will continue to proceed with slowness and difficulty. Meanwhile considering the results attained there is ground for rejoicing that under the Divine auspices, we have been able to progress thus far, and that we may trust in those happy promises of a more active and prosperous development of the true Christian religion among men.

"The following is the list of contributions received during the past year for the wants of the Mission and for the support of the Missionary :—

From English Conference	£60
" Mme. Humann, Paris	5
" Brethren in Italy	7
" Miss D. Clissold, London	25
" Mme. Humann, Paris, second donation . .	5
	£102

This (£102) is about	$485.00
From American Board of Missions . . .	150.00
" Mr. & Mrs. Allen, Glendale, Easter offering	100.00
" Glendale Society of the New Church . .	12.00
Total amount	$747.00
Expense of printing, circulars, distribution to Libraries, etc., £25.00	$107.00

"The donations from Miss Clissold and Mme. Humann (last received) are in response to the lectures of Mrs. Brotherton, and for the purpose of defraying the expense of publishing the treatises of Swedenborg above mentioned as last translated by me.

"All the Italians who read the writings of Swedenborg and enjoy the light of the New Jerusalem, desire to express their lively and sincere gratitude to their Christian friends in other countries who have by their generous aid promoted in Italy a knowledge of the heavenly doctrines.

"With the same sentiments of gratitude and with the most humble and fervent prayer to the Lord that He will continue to bless our efforts, I remain, your devoted servant in the New Church."

SWEDEN.

Mr. Boyesen says: —

"Last fall I had the pleasure to make a missionary trip to Täna in Westmanland, where I delivered five lectures in different places. The attendance was very good, varying from one hundred to two hundred and fifty, of which all in general were very much interested. After every lecture our *New-Church Monthly* was gratuitously distributed among the attendance. Last year I did not visit Dalarne because scarlet-fever prevailed there. I have been requested to lecture in many other places, but, as we have no missionary fund, I have not made many missionary trips.

"For Stockholm we have had public worship during the whole year, except during the vacations. The interest in the heavenly doctrines is constantly increasing, and the attendance has never been so large as this year, having generally amounted to from two hundred to four hundred persons. Good-Friday the attendance was so large that very many could not gain admittance.

"At present, a friend of mine and I myself are translating into Swedish, *Skepticism and Divine Revelation*, by John Ellis, M. D. Our highly-esteemed friend intends to stereotype this excellent work, and to send it gratuitonsly to all the ministers in Sweden, to all the members of the Swedish parliament, and to the physicians. The spreading of such a missionary work will, undoubtedly, excite very great attention, and be of great importance to the Church.

"Some time ago, at the request of many New-Church friends, we made an application to the king for the acknowledgment of the New Church by the government, and accompanied the application by an order of worship and rules of congregation, which I had written. The government has now acknowledged this first New-Church congregation in Sweden, and I have been chosen for its minister. We are very glad that our congregation have been acknowledged by the Swedish Government, for without this acknowledgment we could make no true progress.

"We are very thankful to the Lord, who has enabled us to make this very important step forward; and we are assured that through the merciful help of our Lord, and the charitable assistance of our

American brethren, we will succeed in our endeavors to establish a true New-Church congregation in Stockholm. We thank you, dear friends, for your constant assistance, and especially for the great interest you are showing in regard to the memorial temple for the herald of the New Church. Permit me to ask you to do kindly for us, what your charitable heart can do, and the progress of the New Church in Scandinavia is secured forever.

"Thanking you most heartily for all that you so kindly have done for the Church with us, and asking you henceforward kindly to assist me in my labor in the Lord's vineyard, we pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest over the New Church in the United States and all other countries."

EAST PRUSSIA.

The Rev. A. Schiweck sends the following statement: —

"During the year just ended, my activity in the mercy of the Lord has been as follows: I have delivered forty-two sermons,— fifteen in Polish, and twenty-seven in German, on texts of the Divine Word. Most of the Sundays, especially during the cold season, when I could but seldom have the warm room, I preached here in Monethen, in my dwelling-house, where I have a special room for the purpose. In the warmer seasons I visit certain mission stations,— some once, twice in others.

"Lectures on particular doctrines, I have delivered three in the Polish, and two in the German, language. The Holy Supper was administered at various places and times, altogether eight times: partly to Polish, and partly to German, members; forty-five members partaking. I have baptized one child, and officiated at three funerals.

"Of books and pamphlets, I have been enabled to distribute less this year than formerly; the greater number of these I had to give away *gratis*, although I buy the same from the bookstore of J. G. Mittnacht, Frankfort on the Main, and of which a very small number only can be sold.

"In regard to mission work, permit me to submit the few following episodes: On Sunday, October 19, after the sermon, the son of Mr. Charles Dzikousky, and his wife Charlotte, whom I had during this year instructed in the doctrines of the New Church of the Lord, was examined, and then confirmed. The sermon was based upon the command of the Lord, MATT. xxviii. 16–20, MARK xvi.

14–18; its subject, 'Baptism in its True Signification.' The examination of the fourteen-year-old youth touched upon the main doctrines of religion, and the difference from the Old Church views as well as possible. At the close of the service, which lasted three hours, I offered, as usual, to answer questions upon points which, in the course of the service, had remained obscure with some persons. There were on this day unusually many Old-Church hearers. Among them was also the teacher of the youth who was confirmed on that day. Everybody remained silent, but he rose and expressed his astonishment, as well as joy, concerning this, that with us every one was at liberty to express his desire for learning not only, but to be requested to do so; he thought that hearers might learn much in this manner. So far as he was concerned, he could say that the explanation of the text was just, he felt instructed and edified, only he felt that many of my hearers — who, of course, were all scientifically uneducated people — could not have understood my sermon. It was too learned, and not calculated for simple listeners. He agreed I had treated the text in philosophical manner, deduced logical conclusions, and built up one thing upon another, but treated subjects far above the intelligence of my hearers. I was very tired, could hardly speak, but replied that he was much mistaken; I granted that it might appear so to him, and gave him leave to prove his mistaken idea that my sermon was above my hearers' grasp. He set out at once attacking the chief doctrines of the New Church; he declared the doctrine of the Incarnation a gross error, because it had no purpose, and if it really had one, it was unknown to man; at the most we could see this purpose, that God came upon earth to have a personal experience of the state of men. Why should it be necessary for Him to take upon Him a human body and a human soul? Can He not do that anyhow? Is He not almighty? Is man at fault because he is as he is? Why did or does God create him so? Upon these, his questions, he now received answer in the plural. There were especially two young men, a middle-aged gentleman, and an aged lady, who combated the Old Church insanity as it deserved,— and it suffered well under the lash. He manœuvred adroitly, indeed, but he saw his error thoroughly refuted, and gave up every further dispute on this point, and grew silent. I listened with silence. The members of the Church brought out passages of Scripture which made the incarnation of the Lord very clear, proved that God neither created man in the beginning degraded

nor creates him so now; that God cannot make men blessed beings without their coöperation in regeneration; that man himself, and not God, is responsible for his degraded life; that He has given men perfect freedom, which He never violated. They also proved that their points of assertion were matters of holy truth.

"'What do you say, that your assertions are truth? I tell you that no one knows *what* religious sect has the truth, for each claims the truth for itself!' he exclaimed with zeal. Hereupon there were given him three signs of the truth: first, what they said agrees perfectly with the Divine Word, because it was taken from the Word; second, it agrees perfectly with sound human reason; and third, the interior experience of life furnish eloquent testimony for the same. 'If any one will know whether my doctrine is of God, let him do it.'

"In order to retreat as gracefully from the defeat as he hoped he might, he returned once more to the incarnation of the Lord, and sought to show the aimlessness of our view in maintaining that it could at best save only those men who lived at the time of its occurrence, but could not affect us. How could God by means of the assumed human save us, since we, you and I, like all men living after the Lord's Coming, had not been born when he brought salvation? The same two youths who had participated before, replied, their answer culminating in the statement, that the very assumption of the human was the highest means by which men to all eternity would be withheld from evil and saved for heaven. 'God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.' 'There is *one* God, and He the Mediator between Himself and man, namely, the Man Jesus Christ.' That not all are saved, has its cause, not in the Lord, but in man, his not willing. He was compelled to keep silence on this point, but quickly went to another doctrine, one flattering to the natural man, but was quickly silenced in this; he maintained flatly, and with apparent assurance of victory, that, since there is but one God, but one heaven, and in that heaven but one blessedness, therefore *all* men had the same share in it."

The committee would recommend to the Convention for its adoption the following resolutions: —

Whereas, The Convention is informed by Prof. Scocia that he is ready to undertake the translation and publication of the *Apocalypsis Revelata*, and also of the *Arcana Cœlestia*, as soon as the necessary funds are at hand to meet the expenses of publication; therefore,

Resolved, I. That this Convention cordially commends the work of Prof. Scocia to the liberal support of the Church in this country, and solicits a continuance of the contributions to the Italian Mission Fund.

II. That we respectfully urge upon the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society the importance of the Italian translation of the *Apocalypsis* and the *Arcana*, which will make the Word in its spiritual sense accessible to some fifty million people; and in behalf of this cause we cordially endorse the request of Prof. Scocia for such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the society may allow.

III. That we recommend to the Board of Missions the appropriation of $200 to the support of the Italian mission; to the support of the Rev. A. Schiweck, and to the support of Rev. A. Boyesen, the same assistance as for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SEWALL, *Chairman.*

No. 14.— Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Manuscripts.

The Committee on the Manuscripts of Swedenborg reports from Dr. S. H. Worcester, the only member of the committee who has done any special work connected with the manuscripts of Swedenborg, that "two volumes (eight chapters) of the *Apocalypsis Explicata* have been printed; and that the plates of the rest of the work are now complete. In the fifth volume will be found the appended treatises *De Divino Amore* and *De Divina Sapientia*. These were carefully deciphered from the photolithograph. Prof. Cabell kindly collated the editor's work with the original; and it is believed that great accuracy has been secured. Copies of these treatises have already been printed. The same volume (the fifth) will also contain what has been called the posthumous treatise *De Domino*. This has the same relation to the *Apocalypsis Explicata*, which the other treatises bear to that work. In our edition, its two portions are given in the order in which they were written.

The sixth volume contains the Indexes prepared by the editor. The *Index Rerum* comprises about five hundred and seventy-eight pages. It is believed that with its help, and with the help of the subdivision of the long articles, the contents of the *Apocalypsis Ex-*

plicata will now be found as available as those of any work of Swedenborg.

The plates of the *Canones*, and of *De Nova Hierosolyma* are also complete. The *Coronis* has already been published. The compositor has begun his work on the indexes to the missing treatise *Sapientia Angelica de Conjugio*. This will be ready for the press in a few weeks."

Dr. Worcester adds: "This brings to a conclusion what the Printing and Publishing Society regards itself as now able to do with the Latin work. The editor's work in this particular field of labor must stop here, until means for its continuance are provided by gift, or by the sale of the works that will now be accessible to the Church. A few hundred dollars would add the *Four Doctrines* to our list. Who will supply the funds? In addition to the works named in this communication, it will be remembered that the little treatise *De Charitate*, and the *Apocalypsis Revelata* were published some time ago."

Has not the time come for the Convention to take up this most important work, now that the Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society has exhausted its available funds in the effort to do what ought to be done by the whole Church? If the Board of Publication cannot undertake the work, let a special committee be appointed to collect the necessary funds to aid the Printing and Publishing Society in the completion of an undertaking of so great moment and value to the Church at this day, and in the future. To facilitate this completion it is suggested that the plan of stereotyping the works be abandoned, and that an edition, say, of one thousand copies be printed. This would diminish considerably the cost of the work, and furnish a supply of the Latin works of the Church sufficient for any demand that may arise during the next twenty years. These works are needed at the present time chiefly by the ministers and teachers of the Church, who ought to be furnished with them, that they may become more thoroughly prepared to perform their sacred duties. It is earnestly hoped that the Convention will take up this matter, and give to it the serious consideration which it deserves. It is not a commercial question, but one of high spiritual use, in which all the members of the Church have an equal interest,—the teachers and the taught alike.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Benade,

Chairman of the Committee on the Manuscripts of Swedenborg.

Reports of Associations and Societies.

Canada Association.

The Canada Association consists of the *Berlin*, *Wellesley*, *Toronto*, *Montreal*, and *Strathroy* Societies. Its General Pastor is the Rev. F. W. Tuerk, of Berlin, Ontario.

The *Berlin Society* is still in a prosperous condition. Nineteen adult persons have been added to its membership during the year, namely, seventeen by confirmation, and two by baptism. It has lost four members and one child by death, and eight by removal to other parts in Canada, and four by removal to the United States of America. At present it contains two hundred and sixteen communicants. Its pastor, F. W. Tuerk, has divided his labor, as heretofore, between the Berlin and Wellesley Societies, with the exception of three months, which he spent in Switzerland and Germany, last summer. The fourth Sunday was given to the work in the Wellesley Society. During his absence, both societies were attended to, occasionally by the Rev. Messrs. J. E. Bowers and E. D. Daniels, of Toronto. He solemnized seven marriages; baptized five adults and fourteen children; confirmed nineteen persons; officiated at five funerals, and administered the Holy Supper every three months. The Confirmation School was held every day (Saturday excepted) for nearly three months, during the winter. The German and English Sabbath-schools, and the meetings of the German and English Young People's Association, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, for studying the writings of the Church, and exercise in singing, were conducted in the usual manner.

The *Wellesley Society* has lost two members by death, and gained two by confirmation; its membership at present, is seventy communicants. Although this society has not increased in numbers, it has greatly improved in relation to worship and activity. It has introduced the new *Book of Worship*, bought an organ, and organized a choir, which is a great help in chanting and singing at the Divine services. Two persons were confirmed, four children baptized, and the Holy Supper administered once there.

The *Toronto Society* reports for the past two and a half years

that Divine worship was held every Sabbath morning at 11.15, at its temple, conducted by its faithful pastor, Rev. E. D. Daniels, who continues his work of presenting the heavenly doctrines to a large and increasing congregation. Evening services are held from the first Sunday in September to the last in June. Services are also held in Parkdale, a town adjacent to Toronto, every Sunday afternoon. Ten week-day evening lectures were also delivered there. The interest in the teachings of the New Church has greatly increased there since the advent of Mr. Daniels, who finds this a field, calling forth a considerable amount of labor and ability, to meet its many wants. He has also done missionary work in East Toronto, Galt, Port Elgin, and Southampton. He delivered in all two hundred and forty-three sermons and lectures; attended ten funerals; solemnized two marriages; and baptized fifteen adults and seven children. Other services have been held, with meetings for social, literary, and musical purposes. The doctrinal class is held by the pastor on Thursday evenings. The Sabbath-school is held under the superintendency of Mr. R. Carswell, every Sunday at 10 a.m. The attendance is large, and growing so fast, as to require a larger audience-room, which has been in contemplation for some time.

The Young People's Association is prospering favorably; a very interesting feature, calculated to benefit the young people and their friends. The Ladies' Aid Society continues its usefulness, and is highly appreciated by the society.

The *Montreal* and *Strathroy Societies* are in about the same condition as last year.

The Rev. J. E. Bowers, who resides in Toronto, is employed as missionary of the Canada Association. He occasionally spends a few weeks in making missionary visits to certain places in Michigan, U. S.; but the remainder of the time is engaged in the dissemination of the heavenly doctrines in Ontario. Since the last meeting of our Association in September last, the missionary has visited more than fifty places in Ontario, where New-Church people reside. He has preached and lectured fifty-four times; sold seven hundred and eighty-two New-Church books, and baptized thirty-seven persons,— of these were eighteen in Michigan. Our missionary has heretofore gone into parts of the United States of America occasionally, because the work could not be sustained all the year in Canada; but it is intended to make the effort to con-

tinue the work steadily after this. We must search the "sheep who are scattered in the cloudy and dark day" of the consummated Church, and provide them with the Bread of Life.

The Canada Association will hold its annual meeting on the second Thursday in October next.

All of which is respectfully reported.

F. W. Tuerk,
President of the Canada Association.

Berlin, May 22, 1885.

Illinois Association.

Since the last meeting of Convention our Association has lost its venerable Presiding Minister, the Rev. Cyrus Scammon, who passed into the spiritual world September 26, 1884. At the meeting of the Association, held at La Porte, Ind., in November following, the Rev. L. P. Mercer, pastor of the Chicago Society, was elected President and Superintendent.

The Chicago Society continues in a prosperous condition. The congregation is, perhaps, slightly increased, although our population is changeable, and while new minds are being reached, others are moving away. The religious life of the Church is, we rejoice to believe, increasingly earnest and promising. The congregations on the west and north sides, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. George Nelson Smith, are doing earnest and faithful work; and the attention given to the study of the writings and the instruction of the young, must lead to happy results.

The Peoria and Henry Societies were served by the Rev. W. H. Schliffer on alternate Sundays, until November last, when he left the Association for the East.

In January the Rev. S. H. Spencer, who was ordained in Ohio in 1876, but had for some years been engaged in teaching in Missouri, applied to the Association for missionary work, with a view to devoting his time exclusively to the work of the New-Church ministry. He is now settled in Henry, and is serving acceptably a circuit, including the Henry, Canton, Hutton, and Jefferson (Wis.) Societies. The experience of our Association commends the circuit system of ministerial supply as in every way most profitable; and we hope to secure the coöperation of the smaller societies and groups of receivers and isolated members,

in providing regularity in the ministrations of the Church to all. Few in numbers, and separated by long distances, our small societies, were at one time regularly supplied by ministers who travelled in well-arranged circuits; and we have never known prosperity under any other system. It is the purpose of the Association to again provide in this way for all those groups of receivers who will make earnest effort to help themselves, and render regular visits of a minister possible and useful.

The Rev. Stephen Wood, residing at Lost Nation, Ia., is doing most useful work with the societies and reading circles in that State. He has also made two visits during the year to the Batavia (Ill.) Society, preaching, instructing the young, administering the sacraments, and encouraging the faithful.

The Rev. Messrs. Lehnen and Kimm have preached, visited, and administered the sacraments among the German societies and receivers in Iowa.

The La Porte (Ind.) Society, which enjoyed for so many years the pastoral services of the Rev. Cyrus Scammon, has continued its meetings regularly since his decease, with a lay reader. The society has also had a course of Sunday-evening lectures, by the superintendent of the Association, which has awakened a great deal of popular interest. On the evening of Easter Sunday, five persons were confirmed, and the Holy Supper administered to sixty. Several newly-interested persons are reading with great joy. The society has invited Mr. Henry H. Grant, of the Boston Theological School, to preach for them, with a view to becoming their pastor.

The Jefferson (Wis.) Society, maintains its services regularly under the leadership of Mr. George Copeland. The Rev. O. L. Barler has visited them regularly once in three months to administer the sacrements, for two or three years past, and since his removal to Ohio the Rev. Mr. Spencer has served them.

We rejoice to report, and believe it a good sign of the state of the Church, that our members so generally embrace every opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. In the Chicago Society, where many are obliged to travel seven and eight miles to Church, the seasons for the administration of the Communion are generally observed by nearly our full membership; and the same is true of the smaller societies, many travelling long distances to embrace the opportunity to unite in this holiest act of worship.

At the meeting of the Association in November last, resolutions were adopted authorizing the formation of a New-Church Reading Circle. The annual address, and a prospectus setting forth a course of reading and the advantages of an associated movement in this direction, were published and sent to the members of the Association. The immediate result suprised our most sanguine expectation. Two hundred and thirty persons enrolled themselves as members of the Circle, and have procured and commenced reading the volumes of the Swedenborg Library in course. A correspondence is maintained with the members of the Circle, and the letters received give evidence not only of the pleasure derived from the reading, but of increased life and earnestness in the members, resulting from it. We trust that in the providence of the Lord the way may open for increasing and perfecting this use, thus begun, to the edification of many souls.

The Association reports the following resolution: —

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association the interests of the general Church would be greatly promoted, if the sessions of the General Convention were held triennially or quadrennially instead of annually, thus diminishing the expenses of the constituent members, and giving more time and opportunity for the performance of general uses by the several associations.

Respectfully submitted.

L. P. Mercer,
President and Superintendent.

Wm. Niles, *Secretary.*

Maine Association.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTERS.	NO. MEMBERS.
Bangor		5
Bath	S. F. Dike	68
Fryeburg	B. N. Stone	71
Gardiner		6
Portland		181

The Rev. Wm. B. Hayden resides in Portland but is without a charge over a society or parish. Rev. Joseph S. David resides in Bridgton and is the missionary of the Association, giving his time chiefly to Bridgton and vicinity.

The Portland Society reports that it has had a varied life the

past year. On Sept. 12, 1884, the resignation of Rev. Thomas A. King was accepted. Mr. King's ministrations were highly esteemed and added numbers to the congregation. He went from Portland to Baltimore, returning to his former charge. Since he left, the Sabbath services have been conducted by Rev. Wm. B. Hayden, the students of the Theological School of the Convention, and Rev. J. E. Smith, of Wilmington, Del., late from the Methodist Church. The society has no immediate prospect of a pastor. The sudden departure to the spiritual world of Dr. C. H. Burr a few weeks ago, is a great outward loss to the society. Mrs. Rea and Mrs. Kingsbury have still more recently been removed to the spiritual world.

The other societies of the Association have experienced no changes which require any special notice in this report to the Convention.

Mr. David, the missionary, has devoted himself very faithfully and closely to his work during the year. The friends in Bridgton and vicinity are able to furnish but little means towards his support. This renders his stay there quite uncertain.

A legacy was left by Mary E. Gay, late of Hampden, in Penobscot County, Me., to the Association, for the benefit of the New Church, in the state of Maine. The money has been invested and the interest only will be expended.

S. F. Dike, *President.*

Maryland Association.

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Washington, Md.	Jabez Fox, *Pastor*	105
Wilmington, Del.	J. B. Parmelee, *Pastor*	52
Baltimore, Md. (First Ger.)	F. Leist, *Leader*	40
Easton, Md.	W. M. McIntosh, *Leader*	14
Individual Members		16
Total		227

Three other ministers report to the Association, namely: Rev. Arthur O. Brickman, Rev. John W. Hunt, and Rev. Thomas A. King, all residing in Baltimore.

The Baltimore English Society does not report to the Association, but we are glad to know of its improved condition and en-

couraging prospects since the return of its former pastor, Rev. Mr. King.

Rev. Mr. Brickman has been almost constantly engaged in missionary work in the southwest and south.

Rev. Mr. Hunt is not regularly at work but responds to the occasional demands which are made for his services as minister.

The Washington Society has maintained public worship during the year, with a noticeable attendance of strangers and visitors. We regret to say, however, that the serious illness of Rev. Mr. Fox prevented him from preaching for over a month. The Society has granted him a vacation, and is now seeking other ministerial supply for the present. We fervently trust that he may be fully restored to health, and realize his cherished desire to devote his whole time to the duties of the pastoral office.

The society goes steadily on in the reduction of its debt, and, with a short continuance of the generous help of its friends, will soon be relieved of this burden.

In Wilmington there has been no discoverable abatement of the public interest in the doctrines of the Church, but an increase, if any difference, although many deaths and removals of members of the society has lessened its membership. Mr. Parmelee has been able to attend to all his pastoral duties, and other calls upon his time and attention, without intermission or interruption.

The action of Rev. John E. Smith, in withdrawing from the Wilmington Methodist-Episcopal Conference, and uniting with the New Church, has produced considerable interest in this vicinity and elsewhere. Other ministers are reading the writings with much earnestness.

The German Society in Baltimore has reduced its debt to about $700, and seems intent upon paying it all before engaging a minister. This it hopes to do within two years. The uses dependent upon the presence of a minister, consequently suffer; but the society is holding together very well, with the end it has in view of getting a minister after payment of its debt.

The Warminster and Abingdon Societies in Virginia have not maintained public worship for some years past, but the Church at large has received much benefit from the well-considered articles of our friends in Virginia, contributed through the periodicals of the Church.

Several visits have been made to the Easton Society by ministers

of the Association, and public worship is maintained by a leader at other times. Favorable accounts continue to be received of the reception of the doctrines upon the eastern shore of Maryland.

The Association has lately inaugurated a plan of concerted readings of the writings, which, it is believed, will result in a more intimate knowledge of the doctrines, and more earnest work for their promulgation.

The societies have been requested to report hereafter, in addition to the usual statistics, such further evidences of Church work in their midst and surroundings as they may be able to gather.

With limited resources the Association has not been able to sustain a regular missionary; the ministers of our societies, including that of the Baltimore English Society, have done what missionary work they could; it becomes more and more apparent, however, that the services of a regular missionary are much needed for a longer time than the pastors can give. Our territorial limits are extensive, and the fields of work not so readily accessible as in the more populous States; the expense is, therefore, proportionately greater, although the need is none the less.

We therefore ask the General Convention to consider whether it would not be useful to coöperate with us in missionary work in our more distant localities, particularly in the State of Virginia.

It is believed that the Rev. J. E. Smith, of Wilmington, lately from the Methodist Episcopal Church, is well adapted to the general missionary work, and that he is available, if he can be sustained. He is a gentleman of sound intelligence, of pleasing address, and an accurate extempore speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. E. Spamer, *Secretary.*

Massachusetts Association.

SOCIETIES.	MINISTER OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Abington	Jacob E. Werren, *Pastor*	76
Boston	James Reed, *Pastor*	635
Boston Highlands	Julian K. Smyth, *Pastor*	150
Bridgewater	Theodore F. Wright, *Pastor*	118
Brockton	Henry E. Goddard, *Pastor*	83
Brookline	Willard H. Hinkley, *Pastor*	56
Contoocook, N. H.		
East Bridgewater	Timothy O. Paine, *Pastor*	52
Fall River	John Westall, *Pastor*	29
Gloucester		10
Lancaster	Richard Ward, *Pastor*	40
Lowell		
Mansfield	George F. Stearns, *Minister*	17
Newton	John Worcester, *Pastor*	65
Pawtucket, R. I.	Francis Pratt, *Leader*	14
Providence "	Warren Goddard, Jr., *Pastor*	108
Salem	Duane V. Bowen, *Pastor*	32
Springfield	Gardiner I. Ward, *Leader*	17
Taunton	A. F. Monroe, *Leader*	
Waltham	Benjamin Worcester, *Leader*	32
Yarmouth	William H. Mayhew, *Pastor*	33
Total		1,567

Of these societies the Rev. Joseph Pettee is General Pastor.

Two of these societies are now inactive,—that in Contoocook, which has had no minister for several years, and that in Lowell, which was always very small and never had a minister of its own. The society in Warwick, R. I., which is under the pastoral care of the Rev. Stephen Jepson, has not united with our Association, greatly to our regret.

The places in which worship is maintained, and which are visited by the General Pastor, do not require special mention, except to report that a meeting has been held for some months in that part of Boston called Dorchester; that, from being held in private houses, it has been transferred to the church of a friendly Congregational Society; and that the attendance averages about forty persons, some of whom are New-Church people residing near and needing a society in their vicinity. Mr. Alden, a theological student, conducts the services.

Tho ministers of the Association not in charge of societies are

the Rev. Warren Goddard, now eighty-five years of age, but able to supply the pulpit of the Brockton Society occasionally and to give other aid to his son who succeeded him in the pastorate of that society; the Rev. S. H. Worcester, who devotes much of his time to editing the new Latin edition of Swedenborg; the Rev. J. P. Perry, who is physically disabled; the Rev. S. M. Warren, engaged in business; the Rev. J. T. Eaton and the Rev. H. W. Wright, who are not now in the active ministry.

The Rev. Charles A. Dunham, after a long period of ill health, has passed into the spiritual world.

Our ministerial force has been increased by the transfer from Ohio of the Rev. George F. Stearns, who has made his home in Mansfield, but is acting as a missionary and colporteur.

Important service to some of the societies has been rendered by theological students qualified to act as leaders, and they have received a compensation which has lessened the demand upon the funds of the school. Mr. G. I. Ward has gone regularly to Springfield, and now resides there. Mr. H. C. Hay has also had regular work at Fall River, on account of Mr. Westall's feeble health, and will soon take up his residence there. Others have gone out on Sundays with benefit to all parties.

The principal work of the year has been the quiet maintainance of Church life. In addition to regular services, lectures have been delivered in several societies, which, it is noticeable, seem in general to report the most prosperity. Providence, which has had a formidable debt, has made a vigorous and successful effort to relieve itself, and is now in a promising state. Brockton and East Bridgewater have added to their edifices. Newton is about to do the same.

Our legal organization, the Union, has now about seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of invested property. Its printing office has done much work for the Church, during the year, producing with excellent typographical finish the two monthly magazines, books, pamphlets and other printed matter. A considerable saving to the Church at large is made in this way. The other uses of the Union, in maintaining a reference and a circulating library, in providing commodious and conveniently located rooms for meetings, classes, and visitors, and in raising the salaries of the General Pastor, the colporteur, the agent, and his assistant, have been thoroughly performed.

All our activities, so far as we know, including the school at Waltham, have been blessed with a good measure of success, which we would contemplate in a spirit of humility and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted for the Association.

JOSEPH PETTEE, *General Pastor.*
T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ministers of this Association are Rev. A. F. Frost, Presiding Minister, and pastor of the Detroit Society of the New Church, and Rev. J. M. Shepherd, Vice-President.

Mr. Shepherd lives at Ruby, St. Clair County, about sixty miles north from Detroit. He preaches, as opportunity offers, at several places in his vicinity, and circulates many tracts and books. He reports a particularly good attendance and interest at the village of Lynn.

There are connected with the Detroit Society eighty communicants, twenty adults not communicants, and sixty children and young people. The society has a good house of worship, well situated, and is entirely free from debt, an incumbrance of $1,800 having been removed during the past year. There is a steadily growing interest and united earnestness in the prosecution of all Church uses.

The Almont or Berlin Society has a membership of twenty-five. It has no minister, but services are regularly maintained in its house of worship by lay reading. The society was visited by Mr. Frost the third Sunday of April, and he hopes to go there regularly once in three months, the society having a standing rule to receive the sacraments quarterly.

The Ypsilanti Society has sixteen members. Mr. Frost visits this society the second Monday evening of each month, and preaches at the house of one of the members.

In Grand Rapids are twenty or more members of the New Church. The Society has no meetings except when occasionally visited by a minister. By its trustees it holds a very eligibly situated lot which is rapidly increasing in value and on which is a small chapel rented to the Disciples. During the past year the society has contributed generously to various church uses, giving $100 to both

the Washington and Detroit Societies, to aid them in paying their church debts.

In Wexford County, near Lake Michigan, in the northern wilderness, are eight or ten New-Church families, who were visited by Mr. Frost last September, and several discourses given with good results. At Springdale a Sabbath-school is maintained during the summer.

All told, there are in Michigan about one hundred and fifty baptized members of the New Church, and perhaps one hundred isolated readers and receivers.

The Michigan Swedenborg Reading Class has ninety members residing in twenty-six different places, and is reading the *Four Leading Doctrines*, an encouraging interest being manifested in the direction of a regular reading of the writings.

During the past year Rev. Mr. Bowers has done several weeks missionary work in various parts of the State, entirely independent, however, of the Michigan Association. Mr. James B. Wayne, Treasurer of the Association, and one of its oldest and most active members, was removed to the other life in January last.

A. F. Frost, *Presiding Minister.*
J. R. Hamilton, *Secretary.*

Minnesota Association.

The past year has not produced anything especially notable in New Church matters in Minnesota. Church services and Sunday-school have been maintained at St. Paul, with the Rev. E. C. Mitchell as pastor; and at Minneapolis, with Mr. W. H. Butterfield as leader. During part of the year Wednesday evening reading meetings have been held in both places. Mr. O. P. Moore, of Windom, occasionally holds services in the country. During the year, in St. Paul, the pastor baptized one infant, and officiated at two marriages, and at one funeral. In December last, Mr. Mitchell spent a Sunday afternoon in Minneapolis and held service, preached, administered the Holy Supper, and received three new members into the Minneapolis Society.

We have not held a meeting of the Minnesota Association for several years. Practically, no one attends a meeting of the Association, except members in St. Paul and Minneapolis. But, as an

organization exists, perhaps it may serve as a nucleus, by which to rally the forces when circumstances become more propitious.

Our statistics are as follows: —

	ST. PAUL.	MINNEAPOLIS.
No. members on record book . .	32	29
" " residing in vicinity .	22	14
" " absent from " .	10	15
Average attendance at public worship	32	20
" " " Sunday-school	19	18

Hoping you may have a very pleasant, profitable meeting of the Convention, I am, in behalf of the Association,

E. C. Mitchell, *President.*

New-York Association.

The following are the societies within the New-York Association, with the number of members or communicants last reported: —

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, MINISTER, OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
New York	S. S. Seward, *Pastor*	194
Brooklyn	J. C. Ager, *Pastor*	117
Hoboken	E. Ferret, *Leader*	9
Orange	C. H. Mann, *Pastor*	56
Newark	C. H. Mann, *Pastor*	24
Mount Vernon	Oliver Dyer, *Pastor*	22
New York (German)	P. J. Faber, *Pastor*	38
Mystic	J. A. Lamb, *Pastor*	38
Paterson	I. D. Blauvelt, *Leader*	18
Riverhead	I. M. See, *Minister*	90
Vineland	Rev. Adolph Roeder, *Pastor*	45
Brooklyn (German)		23
Total		674

In addition to the above ministers, B. D. Palmer is regularly employed as the missionary of the Association, and Sabin Hough is without employment. Three of the societies — the Mystic, the Vineland, and the Mount Vernon — made no report to the last meeting of the Association. There is little to report that is new in respect to the work of the remaining societies. The New-York Society reported a considerable apparent decrease of membership, which was owing to a revision of the roll. The registration of the

Brooklyn Society is in process of thorough revision, consequently the same number of members was reported as last year. In the membership of the other societies there has been little change. A new society has been organized during the year in the eastern section of Brooklyn, the membership of which is exclusively German. The services are in English and German on alternate Sundays, but the Sunday-school, which has a membership of nearly one hundred, is conducted solely in German. A branch service is held in East New York, a suburb of Brooklyn, where there is an attendance of about fifteen, and a Sunday-school of ten scholars and three teachers. This is a very promising movement.

The Orange Society has purchased a lot for a house of worship, which it hopes very soon to build.

The general work of the Association has been confined to the support of the missionary who has been actively employed throughout the year. Several months' work was given to Buffalo, where it is hoped that a society may, before long, be organized. His work in Paterson is meeting with promising results. He reports having visited during the year, ten places in Connecticut, four in New Jersey, and thirteen in New York. For the support of the missionary work, a little over $1,400 has been raised. This amount has mostly been raised in New York and Brooklyn. Little, if any, progress has been made in securing contributions from the scattered members who ought to be the ones chiefly interested in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Ager, *Presiding Minister.*

Ohio Association.

The following report, made at the meeting of the Association at Middleport, last September, furnishes the usual statistics: —

SOCIETIES.	MINISTER OR LEADER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Cincinnati	Rev. John Goddard	250
Cleveland	Rev. P. B. Cabell	60
East Rockport	" " " "	44
Glendale	Rev. O. L. Barler	24
Indianapolis		18
Monroe County	Rev. A. J. Bartels	67
Napoleon	Rev. O. L. Barler	12
Newark	W. M. Baldwin, *Reader*	12
Pomeroy	Rev. O. L. Barler	52
Richmond	Rev. E. A. Beaman, F. Pruyn, *Reader*	10
Toledo		15
Urbana	Rev. Frank Sewall	43
Total		607

In addition to the ministers above mentioned, Rev. Theodore Edson is still recognized as a minister though engaged in secular business. Hon. T. A. Plantz is a "preacher by authority of the Association," but is in feeble health, and unable to do any ministerial labor.

Rev. E. A. Beaman is still in the mission field, preaching monthly at Louisville and Richmond, and visiting Toledo and other places in Ohio at stated seasons, and elsewhere as opportunity offers. He has latterly visited several towns in Kentucky.

The Rev. O. L. Barler has taken Mr. Cabell's place in the general field, the latter having entered upon the work of the pastorate of Cleveland and East Rockport. In addition to supplying monthly the small societies at Napoleon, Pomeroy, and Glendale, Mr. Barler is doing quite an extensive work in the mission field proper. Among other places where he has held interesting services may be mentioned the Soldiers Home, at Dayton, where he has delivered three lectures, with good results. He has also preached for the Rev. Washington Gladden, at Columbus.

The stringency of the times, combined perhaps with other causes, has reduced the collections for mission work throughout the Association; but the Divine Providence has mostly made good the deficiency through the kindness of the trustees of the Chillicothe

Church Fund, who have contributed $200 of accrued interest for our benefit. The proceeds of the sale of the Wyoming church ($2500) have also been given to the Association, with the understanding that if the Wyoming Society shall wish, at any time within ten years, to build a church there, the money shall be returned. The interest of this fund ($150) is available for immediate use for our mission work.

The society at Indianapolis is without the services of a pastor, although it keeps up its Sunday-school. It still is hoping to secure the services of a minister, and a faithful, earnest worker could doubtless find a moderate support. Perhaps the same remarks would be equally true of the Pomeroy Society.

The societies at Cleveland and East Rockport are strengthened and encouraged by the work of the Rev. P. B. Cabell, who has entered upon his new field of labor with zeal.

During the year ending last September more mission work was done, probably, than in any previous year. Counting the work in the four or five small societies which receive monthly supplies, ninety-nine (99) different places were visited, two hundred and nineteen (219) services held, twenty-eight (28) persons were baptized, and over fourteen hundred books, including the cheap edition of *Heaven and Hell*, were sold.

JOHN GODDARD, *President.*

General Church of Pennsylvania.

The priests of the General Church of Pennsylvania are: the Rev. W. H. Benade, Bishop or General Pastor; the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, Coadjutor Bishop. Pastors: Rev. N. C. Burnham, Rev. L. H. Tafel, Rev. W. F. Pendleton, Rev. John Whitehead, Rev. Ellis I. Kirk. Ministers: Rev. E. C. Bostock, Rev. A. Czerny, Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck.

SOCIETIES.	PASTOR, MINISTER, LEADER, OR READER.	NO. MEMBERS.
Philadelphia	Rev. L. H. Tafel, *Pastor*	123
Pittsburgh	Rev. John Whitehead, *Pastor* Rev. A. Czerny,	93
Greenford	Rev. A. Czerny, *Minister*	24
Darby	Mr. George Burnley, *Leader*	13
Lancaster	Mrs. S. S. Rathvon, *Leader*	17
Utahville and Sanborn		30
Erie County	Mr. J. C. Rau, *Leader*	16
Renovo	Mr. J. R. Kendig, *Leader*	8
Allentown	Mr. John Wunderlich, *Reader*	23
Brooklyn, N. Y. (German)	Mr. A. Klein, *Leader*	22
Concordia, Kansas	Rev. Ellis I. Kirk, *Pastor*	8
Erie	Dr. E. Cranch, *Leader*	7
Isolated Members		55
Total		439

During the past year four new societies have been incorporated with this General Church: one in Brooklyn, N. Y.; one in Allentown, Pa.; one in Concordia, Kansas; and one in Erie, Pa.

The Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D.D., has continued in charge of the work of supervision and evangelization, and has personally engaged in it. At the meeting of this body the following resolution was passed: —

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this General Church be, and he is, hereby instructed to announce to the General Convention that the Rev. J. R. Hibbard, assistant Bishop, has, by virtue of his office according to the organization of this body, charge of the missionary work of the General Church of Pennsylvania."

The Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck spent the summer months in ministration to the Renovo and the "Bethel" (Erie County) Societies, and to New-Churchmen in Erie, Buffalo, N. Y., and Allentown. He conducts services for the Brooklyn Society once a month.

The causes for which Mr. W. H. Schliffer was suspended from the ministry of the General Church of Pennsylvania not having been removed, his suspension has been made permanent.

The Rev. John Whitehead has been appointed to act in place of the Rev. L. H. Tafel, who had been named substitute for the Rev. W. H. Benade on the Convention's Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK, *Secretary.*

W. H. BENADE, *Bishop.*

FIRST NEW-JERUSALEM SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE First New-Jerusalem Society of San Francisco still maintains its activity and prosperity. Four new members have been received during the year, and there has been a loss of nine caused by deaths, transferences to other societies, etc. Its present membership is, therefore, one hundred and eight. Its morning service and its Sabbath-school have been maintained without any intermission. The pastor has delivered during the same time, either here or in other places, ninety-four discourses, has baptized fifteen persons (seven adults and eight children) has solemnized seven marriages, and has officiated at eight funerals. The society has been gradually entering upon a new phase of its life. So many of its members have removed into surrounding towns at distances too great to render attendance on Sabbath worship practicable, that it has seemed best that the pastor should follow them, so far as can be done without interfering with his duties in the city. He has made a beginning of this work by instituting regular afternoon New-Church services in Alameda, a movement which, initiated about ten months ago, has been productive of unexpectedly happy results.

JOHN DOUGHTY, *Pastor.*

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19, 1885.

Savannah, Ga., Society.

Our society is so much depleted by death and removals, with only one new member the past year, that we have only six that can contribute anything for church uses. We have reduced the balance due on our valuable church lot the past year, and need only $150 more to make it free of all incumbrance. As a matter of economy, when no minister is with us, we meet every Sunday in my parlor for worship; the attendance is generally ten. The ladies keep up their Wednesday afternoon reading meetings. Mr. A. O. Brickman has been with us a few weeks; he was invited to officiate at a funeral of a popular young German, which was largely attended. The Germans were so well pleased with remarks on the subject of Death and Man's Resurrection, they invited him to preach a funeral sermon at Metropolitan Hall the following Sunday, which he did. The hall was well filled, over one hundred present; some of them were much interested, have since bought books, and are reading Swedenborg's works.

Mr. Brickman has spent much time visiting those that have attended his lectures, and has gained the good will of many of our people.

But you all know this is only the time of seed-sowing. We should be discouraged, did we not realize that unless the Lord builds the house, the workmen labor in vain. Our prayer is, that you may have a useful and profitable meeting.

E. Parsons.

Connecticut Association.

The Connecticut New-Church Association, in making its first annual report to the General Convention, would state that they have had three quarterly meetings; namely: one in the city of Hartford, on the thirteenth of November, 1884, at which the Rev. J. C. Ager, of Brooklyn, officiated; one on the twenty-third of February, 1885, at which the Rev. Joseph Pettee, of Boston, officiated; and one on the twenty-first day of May, in the city of New Haven, the Rev. Julian K. Smyth, of Boston, officiating. The average attendance was between thirty and forty at each meeting.

At the November meeting the Association voted to distribute to all the Protestant clergy within the state (who would remit the

amount of the postage on the same, seventeen cents) a copy of the Rev. Mr. Madeley's work on *The Science of Correspondences Elucidated.* Thus far nearly all of the Congregational clergy have been notified, and the result has been, one application to about twenty who have been so informed. We propose to continue the work, so far as names can be found, until the whole state has been canvassed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY G. THOMPSON, *President.*

Reports of Ministers.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hibbard, D. D., General Pastor.

My official services for the past year have been reported to the General Church of Pennsylvania, still, it may not be out of place, nor without its use, to report to you that, in the effort to extend and build up the New Church as distinct from the Old, and to encourage and stimulate the members of the Church to a higher appreciation of their privileges, and a more earnest, intelligent, and vigorous performance of their distinctive and more important duties, I have visited the following places: Allentown, Lancaster, Johnstown and vicinity, Blairsville, New Derry, Greensburgh, Braddock, Renovo, Erie, Kearsarge, Butler, Pittsburgh, and Allegheny, in Pennsylvania; Holly Beach, Vineland, Perth Amboy, Newark, and Orange, in New Jersey; Cleveland, Toledo, Wauseon, Oakshade, Pomeroy, and Middleport, in Ohio; Detroit, in Michigan; Chicago, in Illinois; and Brooklyn and New York cities, in New York. My principal work has consisted in personal conversation; yet in various places I have given thirty-two public discourses, and as many or more evening "conversations." I have also baptized seven adults and three infants, and administered the Holy Supper six times.

J. R. Hibbard.

May, 1885.

Report of Rev. W. H. Benade, General Pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Hibbard will make to the Convention the report of the general pastoral work done during the past year in connection with the General Church of Pennsylvania.

For myself, I have this supplementary report to make: That on a formal application made by the Society of the Second Advent, in Paris, France, and in concurrence with the Ecclesiastical Council of the Pennsylvania Association of the New Church, I ordained into the Priesthood of the New Church, Mr. Alfred Bellais. The act of ordination took place on July 29, 1879, at the residence of

Mr. Bellais, in St. Jean du Corail, Canton Mortain, Department of La Manche, France.

Mr. Bellais, who is at this time principal teacher in the Military School at Rambouillet, France, was at the time of his ordination a teacher of a Communal School in La Manche, where the clerical influence still prevailed. Fearing that this influence might cause his removal from the school, and force him into the military service, to which he would then have been liable, Mr. Bellais, together with his society, requested that no public report of his ordination might be made until such time as he should be free from the liability of being taken out of this chosen sphere of use. He is now free, and his ordination is respectfully reported.

W. H. Benade,
Bishop of the General Church of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, May 25, 1885.

Report of Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor.

With the exception of two months during which, on account of ill health, I was relieved from duty, have been regularly employed as General Pastor of the Massachusetts Association, since the last meeting of the Convention.

February 15, 1885, ordained John Thomas Van Buren Croy, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Association.

By authority committed to its General Pastors by the Convention, April 13, 1885, I authorized Gardiner I. Ward, and May 7, 1885, William Hyde Alden, Henry Clinton Hay, William Loring Worcester, and Henry Hastings Grant, as candidates for the ministry for one year.

April 5, 1885, gave authority to Benjamin Worcester to preach for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pettee,
General Pastor, Massachusetts Association.

Report of Rev. William B. Hayden.

Although not regularly officiating anywhere, I have performed some ministerial services since the last session of Convention.

Preached once in Hartford, Conn., early in June, 1884, and three Sabbaths in Boston, at the time of Mr. Reed's visit to Europe.

Since the Portland Society has been without a pastor, from October, 1884, until now, have preached for them thirteen Sundays, conducting also evening services and week-day meetings; administering the Holy Supper twice, and baptizing six children and three adults, and confirming three persons.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, in the church in Portland, I baptized and confirmed Rev. John Edward Smith, late of the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Del., receiving him into the general communion of the New Church in the United States.

Have also officiated at eleven funerals.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

William B. Hayden.

Portland, Me.

Report of Rev. Gerhard Busmann.

From May 1, 1884, to May 1, 1885, I have served the First German Church of the New Jerusalem in St. Louis, Mo.; preached regularly every Sunday morning, and superintended the Sunday-school in the afternoon, except when called to other places.

On the eighth of June, 1884, I was called to Norway, Benton Co., Iowa. There I preached twice for the Lenox Society, and baptized three children. On my return I stopped at Quincy, Ill., and preached twice.

In August, 1884, I was requested to visit Upper Loutre, near Wellsville, Montgomery County, Mo., where I preached two sermons, baptized two children in the church, and held two Bible lessons at private residences.

In September I travelled south in response to a request from an old friend, a New-Church member at New Orleans; and after sustaining a slight injury *en route*, I arrived there on the twelfth. I preached for the German New-Church members of New Orleans and Carrollton on the twelfth and nineteenth, had eighteen communicants at the Lord's Supper, confirmed three persons that had embraced the faith of the New Church, and baptized one. In March, 1885, I was called to Iowa for the purpose of preaching the funeral sermon over the grave of one of the oldest believers in the

New-Church doctrines in Iowa — Mr. A. Schroeder, who had departed this life March 2. And on the sixth of April I was again called to Iowa to officiate at the funeral of Mr. H. H. Bierman, who had long been a New-Church member. From May 1, 1884 to May 1, 1885, I baptized eighteen persons, confirmed three persons, officiated at eight marriages and thirteen funerals. During this time the Holy Supper was administered four times, by me.

In our society new life and energy is again apparent, after paying a large sum, over $5000, to satisfy a judgment obtained by Mrs. Elizabeth Caspari, in the courts of Missouri, refunding to her a gift she had made to the society some years ago. The most of this money was voluntarily contributed by the members of our Church, only a small amount being borrowed to make the necessary amount to pay the debt.

Fraternally yours,

G. Busmann.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27, 1885.

Report of Rev. James E. Mills.

We have continued our Sunday meetings the past year with interest and enjoyment and I hope usefulness. On August 10, 1884 I ministered at the baptism of Mary, the daughter of Samuel H. and Emma H. Day, and Mary, the daughter of James E. and Mary C. Mills.

Yours truly,

James E. Mills.

Quincy, Plumas County, Cal.,
May 20, 1885.

Report of Rev. John Isaac Herrick.

I am not at present in connection with any associated body of the Church except the General Convention.

During the past year I have been confined to secular duties. I had hoped to report at this time my removal to Iowa and employment part of my time in ministerial duties, but circumstances of a private nature have detained me here. But if I recover the use of

my voice and regain strength, I still hope to move and report from Iowa.

Respectfully,

JOHN I. HERRICK.

MAUSTON, Wis., May 24, 1885.

Report of Rev. C. Louis Carriere.

I HAVE served the Second German congregation of the New Church in St. Louis, Mo. as its pastor throughout the year, preached to it every Sabbath except on the eighth day of March, when I was in Baltimore, Md. and preached to the German Society of that city.

I have also superintended the Sunday-school which is connected with the St. Louis Second German Society, and which is in a flourishing condition.

A few families have been added to the society during the year.

I administered the sacrament of the Holy Supper five times, twice to the society of which I am pastor, once to the Baltimore German Society, and twice in private in cases of sickness. I baptized fifty-two persons, confirmed twelve, officiated at seven marriages, and at fourteen funerals.

Respectfully submitted.

C. LOUIS CARRIERE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 27, 1885.

Report of Rev. L. G. Jordan.

As the time draws near for the meeting of the Convention, I am reminded that as I am not at present connected with any association of the Church, it is my duty to report as an individual minister. I prepared a full report of my ministerial doings for two or three years and forwarded it to Philadelphia last year but long afterward it was returned to me from the dead letter office.

Since my last report received by the Convention I have officiated at occasional services as follows: Baptisms, two adults and five children; Betrothals, two; Marriages, forty-six; Funerals, four; Holy Supper, twelve times, with an average attendance of about

ten persons. For more reasons than one I could wish that the marriages had all been of New-Church pairs, but they were not. Most of them were of strangers who applied at the office of the City and County Clerk, while procuring licenses, for the services of a minister, and were referred to me as I happened at the time to be employed in the office.

Since the fall of 1879 I have been engaged in secular business of different sorts as my health and opportunity permitted. Until about the beginning of 1882 did very little ministerial work. At that time I was asked to conduct worship at Oakland, just across the bay and six miles from San Francisco. Notwithstanding numerous and sometimes severe illnesses I have been able to do so almost every Sunday since then.

The history of this movement at Oakland is interesting, as it now seems likely soon to result in the formation of a society of the Church, and in the erection of a neat and attractive house of worship.

For nearly eleven years a few ladies in Oakland, some of whom were members of the Church, have been accustomed to meet every week to read the heavenly doctrines. For a short time Sunday services were held at the house of the Rev. Joseph Worcester, who lived near Oakland during my occupancy of his former place in San Francisco. But it was only on pleasant days that more than two or three persons could go so far, and almost immediately upon establishing regular services at a more accessible point increase of attendance resulted.

We met, at first, in the study of the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, with less than a dozen attendants. One day while we were at worship up stairs, and Dr. Hamilton's congregation similarly engaged in the first story, that gentleman fell dead in the pulpit, but we knew nothing of the circumstance till the regular close of our service.

Soon after we were obliged to find other quarters. We were fortunate in securing a beautiful little hall, furnished and occupied at other times by a society of ladies. Here our attendance steadily increased to between thirty and forty adults. Then we organized a Sabbath-school with seven or eight children. We had, however, after a few months, to give up that pleasant meeting place, and in all have had as many as eight different locations. We are now in private parlors. It became diffcult for those interested to keep track of us and for us to keep all in view, and for a time our num-

bers sensibly diminished. Now, however, they are nearly as great as ever. If all whom we regard as regular attendants were present at any one time our quarters would hardly accommodate them.

We have a Sabbath-school with upwards of twenty children, and nearly as many more adults in the doctrinal class. Plans and estimates for a chapel have been procured, and the subscriptions indicate that we may soon build. Did we not know how many such appeals are made to the general Church, we might ask attention to our movement of those who are looking for useful ways in which to assist to extend the influence of New-Church worship and systematic instruction in the doctrines. As it is, we are simply trying to meet present needs by our own exertions, trusting that what has been already so far extended beyond our feeble beginning will be able to continue until it may even be of help to others outside. We are situated in the second city of the state, in the midst of a population of forty thousand; more church-going than any other community in California. We have determined to exercise the broadest charity, and to try to harmonize every element of the Church that comes to us. Thus far everything has been done with remarkable unanimity of feeling.

We use and find exceedingly valuable the Liturgy published in Philadelphia, by Lippincott. The feature of most importance to us is the arrangement of services to direct the mind to the leading doctrines of the Church. No stranger ever mistakes our service for that of any other than the New Church, even if the sermon be omitted. A short extract is read at each service directly from the Writings, and the custom has proven highly interesting and useful.

At first only a nominal sum was paid me for my services but for two years almost my entire support has been derived from the willing contributions of our little congregation.

Among gentlemen more or less known in the Church who have been connected with us we may mention Mr. Walter C. Childs, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., who started with us and afterward removed from the city, but who has returned with unabated interest and activity. Mr. E. H. Sears (son of the late Rev. E. H. Sears so widely known to the Church), who for a long time was our main stay and whom we were sorry to lose by removal to Massachusetts. Dr. A. E. Small, Jr., formerly of Chicago, who is still with us, and Mr. F. B. Ginn, of the publishing house of Ginn & Heath, of Boston and Chicago. There are also others, earnest, efficient, and valued if not so generally known.

It may be said that our growth has been mainly the gathering together of the fruits of many years' reading of the doctrines in private circles, as before mentioned. If we have any special word to utter to the Church at large as the outcome of our experience, it is, to foster the formation of such meetings for the reading of the works for the Church. However quietly and simply it may be conducted, such use of the doctrines will form the best possible beginning of a society of the Church. When the society is formed, let such readings, under proper auspices, increase, and growth will be safe and permanent.

Your brother in the Church,

LEONARD G. JORDAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 19, 1885.

Report of Rev. George W. Chase.

I RESPECTFULLY report that though not engaged in the active duties of the ministry (the number of receivers here being very small), I do what I can by conversation, the lending of books, and by a little Sunday-school and doctrinal class in my own family, to promote the understanding and love of the doctrines.

On the eleventh of September, 1884, I baptized an infant daughter and my grandson. Have reason to hope to accomplish more the coming year.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. CHASE.

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 21, 1885.

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*Report of Rev. Adams Peabody.**

THE care and labor incident to the management of a hygienic boarding-house, which I undertook as a means of living while trying to recover my health at this health resort, have been about all I could endure. For this reason I have not undertaken any regular ministerial work. I have preached only once in the year just past, and then (in February) by the invitation of the *pro tem.* pastor of the Baptist Church, who is somewhat in the light of the New Age.

* This Report was not received until after the adjournment of the Convention.

I have often read the sermon and other matter in the *Messenger*, *Independent*, and *Dawn*, to the inmates of my house.

Finding the leader of the adult class in the Presbyterian Sunday-school in some freedom of thought, and possessing the tact to place the members of the class in similar freedom, and thus calling out a free expression of doctrinal views, without arousing a spirit of controversy, I have been very regularly present there, and have found many opportunities of presenting what seemed to me to be true, and have often been gratified by the partial, and in many instances the unreserved, acceptance thereof by more or less of the ever-changing membership of the class. The increasing open-mindedness of thoughtful Christians is very gratifying.

The books, tracts, and papers in my possession are displayed on the shelves of a room devoted to that purpose. Of the small books of the church I have sold about eleven dollars' worth, and I have given away several, and I have lent a number of books, which have been read and appreciated. I have sold a few tracts, and given away, probably, two hundred; and also a few papers. I have presented the gift-book circular to quite a number of ministers, and several have promised to order the books. I cultivate kindly relations with all the ministers I meet, if they are affable, many of whom visit these Springs. I have officiated at one funeral.

When strength and circumstances permit, I purpose to devote more of my time and thought to the work I hoped to do in coming here, so that sojourners shall find ready access at this place to the light of the New Age. All the time there are some here who are interested in the more interior light of the Word, and who are reading with interest. In the near future we are likely to have a greatly increased number of sojourners here, including invalids and those who, from over-work, need recreation. As it is, nearly all the States of the Union are represented, and also Canada, by invalids.

I have found opportunity to make myself serviceable to several New-Church friends, who knew of my residence and vocation here.

I hope that the spirit of charity will rule in the hearts and minds of the Convention, and that its deliberations shall commend to the world the light of the New Jerusalem.

Fraternally yours,

Adams Peabody.

Eureka Springs, Ark., May 30, 1885.

*Report of Rev. W. D. Hastings.**

Your circular letter asking me if I was connected with any association is received. In reply, say that the Janesville Society formerly belonged to the Illinois Association; that I have not preached for many years; that my health is poor, and that it takes all my strength to provide for my family; that it is agreeable to me that my name should be stricken from the roll of ministers, and that I stopped its publication as such years ago in the *Messenger;* all which I say with grief in my heart, because I love the Word and its work, but I must wait for the internal to liberate the external from its bonds before I can do much good.

I am now in my 60th year, born of a family who all died from lung troubles, and have been expecting to die from heart disease for the last five years. Welcome the day when I can pass on to active service in a field where my life really is.

Your humble servant and brother in the Lord,

W. D. Hastings.

Emerald Grove, Wis., June 1, 1885.

* This Report was not received until after the adjournment of the Convention.

Special Reports.

Report of the Trustees of the "Iungerich Fund."

To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem,
in the United States of America:—

The undersigned Trustees, appointed by the late Louis C. Iungerich, present this their eleventh report to your body.

The balance in the hands of the Trustees as per last year's report, was of which $33,000 was reported as invested for the purposes of the Trust. The investments then reported are still held.	$33,551.64
There has been collected of income during the year, one year's interest on investments	1,810.00
Interest on money in bank, to Dec. 1, 1884	11.53
Total	$35,373.17
The only payment has been to J. B. Lippincott & Co. for manufacturing books	1,315.60
Leaving a balance in hand, of	$34,057.57

The work of distribution is going on steadily, and the trustees are frequently encouraged by the receipt of letters from clergymen and others, in different parts of the country, reciting the benefits they have derived from the use and perusal of the gift-books.

Of *The True Christian Religion* there have been distributed during the past year about eleven hundred copies, and of the *Apocalypse Revealed* about nine hundred copies.

The total number of copies of the different books distributed to date is as follows:—

Of the True Christian Religion	25,400
" " Apocalypse Revealed	18,400
The American New-Church Tract and Publication Society has distributed of Heaven and Hell	23,400
And of the Life of Swedenborg	8,000
Making a grand total of	75,200

An increase of 3700 copies during the past year.

The Trustees would renew their acknowledgement of obligation to the Trustees of the Rotch Fund, for the use of plates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN SHOEMAKER,
HENRY IUNGERICH,
EDWARD C. IUNGERICH,
WM. MCGEORGE, JR.
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association held its annual sessions on Wednesday, May 27, in the Church of the Cincinnati Society. The attendance was undoubtedly diminished by the threatening aspect of the weather, but was largely affected by the meetings of various committees, Boards, etc., of the Convention. As the Standing Committee has already taken action, with a view to bringing the work of the Association into the afternoon and evening of the day preceding the assembling of the Convention, it is hoped that in the future such interruptions may be avoided.

The morning and afternoon sessions were wholly devoted to hearing and discussing reports. The Committee on Graded Manuals reported the issue of a new volume of the series entitled *The Gospel Story*. The Committee on Libraries reported a list of books suitable for New-Church Sabbath-school libraries. It also offered a useful and interesting paper on the general subject of Children's Reading. The Committee on Graded Lessons presented a chart of lessons for the year, drawn from both the Old and New Testament Word, and from the little works of Swedenborg on the *Laws of the Divine Providence*, and on *Charity*. The discussion of these reports was mainly of a practical character, and was quite generally participated in by those present. The anniversary meeting was held in the evening, and was opened and presided over by the Rev. Chauncey Giles. Interesting and useful addresses were also made by the Rev. John Worcester, the Rev. T. F. Wright, and Mr. F. A. Dewson.

In accordance with the twelfth By-Law of the Association, we would respectfully request that the Convention appoint a suitable time during its sessions for the taking of a collection for the defrayal of the expenses of the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE committee has attended to the duties entrusted to it as far as was possible, considering the distances by which the members were separated. Much labor has been done by correspondence, which has prepared the way for an agreement among the members who have come together at the present meeting. A full quorum is not present; but the varieties of opinion are believed to be represented, and the members here are able to offer the following unanimous report: —

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. — *Name.*

This Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

ARTICLE II. — *Meetings, etc.*

SECTION 1. Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

SECTION. 2. All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this Section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

SECTION. 3. Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ARTICLE III. — *Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen;

a Council of Ministers consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with four Ministers to be chosen by the Council of Ministers, and six Laymen to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

Article IV.—*Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Treasurer, shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have superintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

Article V.—*The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE.

"311. There are two things which ought to be in order among men, namely, the things which are of heaven, and the things which are of the world: the things which are of heaven are called ecclesiastical things, and those which are of the world are called civil things."

"312. Order cannot be maintained in the world without governors, who are to observe all things which are done according to order, and which are done contrary to order; and are to reward those who live according to order, and to punish those who live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish; for the will to command others, and to possess the goods of others, is hereditarily connate with every one, whence proceed enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils; wherefore, unless men were kept under restraint by the laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for those who do good things; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life, for those who do evil things; the human race would perish."

"313. There must therefore be governors to keep the assemblages of men in order, who should be persons skilled in the laws, wise, and men who fear God. There must also be order among the governors, lest any one, from caprice or inadvertence, should permit evils which are against order, and thereby destroy it: which is guarded against when there are superior and inferior governors, among whom there is subordination."

"314. Governors over those things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical matters, are called priests, and their office is called the priesthood. But governors over those things among men which relate to the world, or over

civil concerns, are called magistrates, and their chief, where such a form of government prevails, is called king."

"315. With respect to the priests, they ought to teach men the way to heaven, and also to lead them; they ought to teach them according to the doctrine of their Church derived from the Word, and they ought to lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to the good of life, and so to the Lord, are the good shepherds of the sheep; but they who only teach, and do not lead to the good of life, and so to the Lord, are the evil shepherds."

"316. Priests ought not to claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, inasmuch as they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone."

"317. Dignity and honor ought to be paid to priests on account of the sanctity of their office; but they who are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom all sanctity is derived, and not to themselves, whilst they who are not wise attribute the honor to themselves, whereby they take it from the Lord. They who attribute honor to themselves, on account of the sanctity of their office, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for: but they who give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated from him with the employment. All personal honor is the honor of wisdom and the fear of the Lord."

"318. Priests ought to teach the people, and to lead them by means of truths to the good of life, but still they ought to force no one, since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be truth. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance ought to be separated; for this also is agreeable to order, for the sake of which the priesthood is established."

"319. As priests are appointed to administer those things which relate to the divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer those things which relate to civil law and judgment (H. D. N. J., nos. 311–319)."

(The Ministry, as in Sections 16–20 in the present Constitution.)

Article VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

Article VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be approved by the General Council and the Coun-

cil of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

BY-LAWS.

Unchanged, except as follows: —

Section 4. Strike out "or may be."

Section 5. "Council of Ministers," instead of "Committee on Ecclesiastical Affairs;" "General Pastors," insted of "Ordaining Ministers."

Section 7. Omit.

Section 10. The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the Convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

Section 11. Strike out the last half.

Section 13. Insert "or the General Council."

Section 15. The Treasurer is authorized to audit the accounts of the Secretaries for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

Section 18. Strike out; and insert instead, Section 13 of the present Constitution.

Unite Sections 19 and 20, changing 20 as follows: —"The Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence."

Insert after Section 21 the following Section: —"All Officers and Committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention."

Section 23. Add "but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention."

Section 26. When a minister is ordained by authority of this Body, he shall be considered a minister and member thereof, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection shall be severed by

voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of this Body. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with any Association, shall report his official acts to the meetings of the Convention. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretaries. After notification and failure to report for two successive general meetings, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Secretaries to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the General Convention, which application shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention.

Change numbers of Sections wherever required; also names, etc., in the other By-Laws, to correspond with the above changes in the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SWEDENBORG MEMORIAL FUND.

THE Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee of the General Convention to receive and care for any and all sums placed in their hands for the ultimate purpose of building in the city of Stockholm in Sweden a church, which may stand as a memorial of the establishment of the Lord's New Church through Emanuel Swedenborg, would report that during the current year, since the last meeting of the Convention, they have received from societies and individuals in all parts of the country the sum of $1,037.46, in addition to which the sum of $210, collected in Philadelphia at the meeting of the Convention in June last, was placed in the hands of Mr. Frederick L. Cöster, of Uddevalla, Sweden, by Rev. W. H. Hinkley, making the total amount thus far collected in this country $1,247.46. The balance beyond that forwarded to Sweden, and a small sum expended for printing and postage, remains in charge of the Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Dewson, and is held by us subject to the direction of the General Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. DEWSON,
FRANK SEWALL, } *Trustees.*

CINCINNATI, May 28, 1885.

Addresses.

Address of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, to the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, 1885.

Beloved Brethren.—Minute 113 of the session of the General Conference, held last August at Birmingham, reads as follows: "An address from the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in America having been read by the Rev. James Reed, *resolved*, That the Conference desires to reciprocate the brotherly greetings expressed in this address, and requests the President to write an address to the General Convention, and to forward the same in time for the next meeting of that Body." In conformity with this appointment, I am therefore privileged to be the instrument for conveying to the Convention the fraternal greetings and heart-felt good-will of their New-Church brethren in England.

We feel very deeply the value of this annual interchange of sympathy and counsel; especially when it is perfected, as at our last Conference, by the presence of messengers from the body with whom the communication is maintained. The wise and encouraging words written in your behalf by your President, our dear and honored friend, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, acquired additional interest by reaching us through the voice of the Rev. James Reed, of Boston, whom it was a great delight to welcome again amongst us; while the presence of your Secretary, the Rev. Willard H. Hinkley, of Brookline, as your other appointed representative, and of the Rev. W. H. Benade and Mr. John Pitcairn, of Philadelphia, and Dr. John Ellis, of New York, rendered the more complete our association with the Church in your great country. Few in numbers, compared with most of the religious bodies around us, and, as a consequence, seemingly weak in our work and influence, we rejoice to be brought into contact with the communities of our fellow-believers in other lands, and to be reminded that, even as a visible organization, the New Church is gradually extending over all the world; planting fresh centres for disseminating the knowl-

edge of her doctrines, and thus providing the necessary vessels for the reception amongst men of the light and life of the Lord's New Heaven.

The Conference was greatly interested in Mr. Hinkley's account of his recent visit to Sweden, and of the proposal, initiated in your Convention, to erect at Stockholm a house of worship, dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the most appropriate memorial of Swedenborg, and a worthy home for the New Church in the capital of his native country. The furtherance of this admirable object was commended to the notice of our Committee on Foreign and Colonial Missions, who were instructed to raise a fund for its support. We hope that our coöperation in this good work will draw into still closer fellowship the branches of the Church in our respective countries. For while one, as your address reminds us, in our common ends, privileges, and duties, the best possible way both to consolidate this union, and to employ the strength of which it should prove productive, is to join together in efforts of practical usefulness. Influx, we are taught, is always proportionate to efflux. Our reception of the same heavenly life, therefore, and our consequent growth into one Church, variously organized and administered according to our local circumstances and needs, will be perfect and happy in the measure of our endeavors lovingly to impart to others the heavenly principles of which we are made the stewards. To us, even more cogently than to the apostles of the First Advent, applies our Lord's injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

While mindful, however, to labor diligently in diffusing a knowledge of the precious doctrines now "coming down from God out of heaven," let us take heed to be ourselves recipients and exemplars of their regenerating influence. In order that we may "freely give" the treasures of the holy city to others, we must first possess them ourselves; and we can only possess them by patient and prayerful study of their Divine wisdom. The general fundamental principles of the New Church are, no doubt, familiar to most of our members, and form the basis, let us trust, of an assured faith, a cheerful hope, and a mutual charity active in manifold usefulness. Constituent of these general principles, however, is a wealth of particular truths, ramifying into practical application to the numberless intricacies of life, and penetrating the most secret recesses of thought and motive; and with these truths, probably few among us have even much intellectual acquaintance, while fewer still have lovingly tested

their value in the trials and temptations of the regenerating process. We rejoice to learn of endeavors, in both our branches of the Church, to ensure a fuller knowledge of these specific doctrines. Your Correspondence School and the Massachusetts Normal Class for Sunday-school Teachers, and the Local Scripture Examinations conducted, with the aid of Conference, by our Sunday-school Union, cannot fail to impress the definite teachings of the Church upon many who will be the happier and better for their possession, and the more able to impart them efficiently to others.

That the ensuing session of the Convention may be richly blessed by the Lord to the extension and building up of the New Jerusalem in your vast continent, is the earnest prayer of the Conference; on whose behalf I am, dear brethren, with sincere affection and respect,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN PRESLAND,

President of the Seventy-seventh Session of the Gen. Conference of the New Church in Great Britain.

Countersigned, E. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1885.

DEAR BRETHREN.— By appointment of the President of Convention it is my privilege to send you greeting in behalf of this Body, and to thank you for the sentiments of good-will, and the words of wise counsel received through your President, our esteemed brother, the Rev. John Presland.

We rejoice with you in all opportunities for uniting our respective branches of the Church in the performance of such uses as may further the interests of the Lord's New Church in all lands; and we believe that in the interchange of thought and communion of affection in such general uses we shall be mutually strengthened and enabled to do all our work with increasing delight and efficiency.

The New Church is the Lord's kingdom on earth, and its members are not separated by geographical and national distinctions. They have one Lord, and His name is One. From Him is given them a common end of good which, by its common faith of truth,

must tend to produce both unity of spirit, and actual coöperation in all the works of spiritual life, and in all activities for the welfare of the human race. And we shall realize this unity in the measure of our loyalty to the Divine Constitution of the Church in its heavenly doctrine, and our affectionate endeavor to impart to others the Divine principles which are committed to us. The Church, variously organized and administered according to local circumstances and needs, as you say in your address, is still one kingdom of the Lord, and will grow into unity of spirit and work in so far as its several bodies come into a free and rational acknowledgment of this common standard of truth and law in the Lord's own Revelation in the Writings of the Church.

"The Church is founded upon doctrine, for doctrine teaches how we are to believe, and how we are to live."—A.·R. n. 902. And by the New Church, and the making of all things new, "Nothing else is meant than that in the Church now to be established by the Lord, there will be *new* doctrine."—Doc. Lord, n. 65. Doctrine founds, forms, and constitutes all that is commonly thought of as the visible Church,—a ministry to teach its truths and administer the worship which it institutes, and to "collect, initiate and instruct men," and all the means whereby human souls may receive "faith and a life according to it," which is the final end in all things of the Church, and of the doctrine which creates them.

The New Church is one throughout the world, therefore, by no uniformity of organization or methods, but in the common acknowledgment of the Divine origin and quality of the new doctrine now revealed for the founding of a New Church. Loyalty to this common law of the Lord's kingdom, in the measure of its sincerity, rationality, and earnestness, will impart delight and efficiency in performing the duties of our several bodies, and unite us in the great, common enterprises of use in the Lord's kingdom. This is the principle of unity which draws together, and holds and directs in useful activity, individuals in societies, societies in national Churches, and national Churches in one kingdom of God. This is essentially that principle of charity which consists in a "willingness to live according to the truth." And the more our eyes are turned to the Lord in the Revelations He has made for His Church, in simplicity of faith and life, the more we shall realize the distinctness of the New Church, its entire dependence upon the Divine guidance, and the extreme necessity for its ministry among men. It will lead us to the Church writings to learn how to believe and

how to live; it will protect us from the spheres of unbelief and evil that tend to dissipate our faith and work; and it will inspire us with increased zeal in our apostolic mission to proclaim the only Saviour and to call out, initiate, and instruct those who will acknowledge Him and do what He teaches for those who will be of His New Church.

We have been reminded of this principle of unity, not only by the suggestions of your address, but by the recent centennial celebrations in both countries of the inauguration of the external Church in Great Britain, and the introduction of the doctrines into this country. Our thoughts are turned to those devoted souls who, called out from their old associations by the doctrines of the New Jerusalem, and persecuted because of them, looked up to the Lord alone in his new revelation, and, whatever mistakes they may have made, certainly made none in this: that the Lord had indeed made His Second Advent for the founding of a New Church, which could only exist and subsist in men in their obedience to His Divine teaching in the writings of Swedenborg. Their heroism and loyalty in this faith is a perpetual example, and sometimes a reproach, to us. But we rejoice to believe that while there is in the Church undiminished interest in the organization and extension of missionary works, there is a growing tendency to study the Church writings, and to look to them for guidance in every work. In your address you emphasize the importance of our becoming recipients and exemplars of the doctrines of our faith, and remind us that before we can impart, we must first possess them by patient study of their Divine wisdom. Were I to indicate the most hopeful sign of the progress of the Church in this country, it would be this greater interest in its teachings, increased study of the writings, and a growing habit among the members of daily reading and meditation. As we are taught: "There proceeds from the Lord a Divine sphere of celestial love to those who embrace the doctrines of His Church, and obey Him as little children in the world obey father and mother, apply themselves to Him, and wish to be nourished, that is, instructed by Him."—T. C. R., n. 308. And as our people study the Word and its doctrines, not only in the Church and Sunday-school, and other public assemblies, but privately in daily readings, desiring to be instructed and affected in their hearts, with no vain striving after high things, but with simplicity, they will receive that life into their faith, which flows in with all fulness from the Lord to those who seek Him. Its effect

must be manifest, not only in the increased intelligence and earnestness of individual members, but in a more compact and efficient body, a clearer perception that the New Church is distinct from all others, and our calling a separation unto the Lord, imposing responsibilities which we shall be able to fulfil only by keeping very close to Him and true to His Word.

Nor will this recognition of the distinctness of the New Church, and the utter folly of human speculations in the world, and the danger of the surrounding spheres of selfishness and worldliness to which we are only too easily inclined, have any tendency to diminish our missionary zeal. It will only intensify, as it enlightens, it; and, while filling us with a sense of the importance of the truths of the New Church to the saving of souls, and making us more zealous to proclaim them, will also make us steadfast to preach them in their purity, so far as may be, unmixed with popular conceits. Whatever may be the state of the Christian world, and the present tendencies of thought, it is at least certain that the New Church can exert a Divine and saving influence only through the pure Gospel committed to it; and its influence will be broader and stronger in proportion as its message is direct and rises clear above, and distinguishable from, the confusion of tongues. Whatever the Lord in his providence may bring out of the existing activities around us, we know that He has committed to us that we teach the truth He has revealed, and lead by truth to good. Simply accepting this mission, we desire to be one with you in every good work, and ever cordially to unite with you in the inauguration and promotion of New-Church missions in foreign lands, in the preservation of a pure text of the Church writings, in the publication and distribution of them in our own and foreign tongues, and in the promotion of New-Church learning and faithful living.

May the Lord keep you, and us, and our brethren in all the world, in very humble dependence upon His mercy and truth, and fill us with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, and write His law upon our hearts, that in Zion and Jerusalem may be deliverance for all who call upon His name!

With assurances of sincere affection and regard, I am, dear brethren, on behalf of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,

Your brother in the Church,

L. P. Mercer.

Chicago, Ill., May 28, 1885.

Communications.

From the Stockholm Society.

Next to the Lord, we owe to you the establishment of the Scandinavian Mission and to your constant, bountiful assistance, the means of spreading Divine seed in this country. It is indeed with great pleasure, that we express our gratitude in this respect, because your charitable interest has now enabled us to gain the acknowledgment by the government of the New Church in Stockholm.

This step for further activity and development, has not been gained without contest. Among the professed New-Church members, not every one has adhered sincerely in times of trials and temptations. But the separation of these members from among our company, we regard rather a boon and a blessing. Free from the radical element, that has held us bound, as it were, we have now an open career before us and we are sure to get on much better and faster than has been the case, up to the present time.

For all that brotherly sympathy we have received until now, we wish to give you our heartfelt thanks, and at the important new era, upon which our Church now has entered, we sincerely hope that your good-will even henceforward may be bestowed on us.

Confessing with you that the New Church is our Lord's second advent on earth to restore His heavenly kingdom in the world, we fervently ask His blessing upon the New Church in the United States and in all countries.

O. W. Nordenskjold,
Carl A. Roosvall,
A. Boyesen,
M. E. Larsson, född Fahlbäck,
A. Schulze,
Virginia Larsson,
C. J. Schulze,
Karoline M. Boyesen,
J. Schulze,
Nanna Hoffmann,

J. Platin,
T. Anderson,
and eighty-nine others.

Stockholm, March 24, 1885.

From the Stockholm Society.

To the New-Church General Convention in America, 1885: —

It is known very well and in wide circles, that there has been for a long time among the members of the New Church in Sweden, a most lamentable schism, which does not seem to become reconciliated, but on the contrary increasing. The subject of the contest is more particularly directed against our gifted, zealous, and learned minister, Rev. A. T. Boyesen, and is led by the present New-Church Committee, appointed for economical duties, as well as by some others of similar opinion.

We highly esteem this extraordinary man, and owe him deep gratitude for all that he has done among us, for his unflagging zeal and his clear and vivid expounding of the heavenly doctrines from the Holy Word in its pure interpretation. On this account we have determined to say a word of defence for our much-beloved pastor, and this particularly to our New-Church brethren abroad, who have so many times, both in word and deed, shown their interest for the success of the New Church in Sweden.

We are of that decided opinion, that the ideas of our adversaries are not predominating among the New-Church people in this country, who, on the contrary, are very much grieved at the present condition of things, and trust that the final victory will not be on the attacking side. Their aim seems to be nothing less than the dismissal of our zealous and distinguished minister, who has been called here by the society itself, and who has for many years, with the Lord's blessing, carried on his work both in the capital and in several other places in Sweden. That great and well-deserved confidence which he, among his personal friends in America and England, has gained, is he yet in every respect well worthy of, and perhaps still more so on account of his well-tried constancy during all his many trials and difficulties.

Without going into details about the present contest, and the way in which it is carried on, we only have in view to put forth the above said, as being, according to our full conviction, the only

correct side of the case, as well as the hearty wish that Mr. Boyesen may for the future remain among his friends here, where he, by God's help, has yet many good deeds to work.

H. T. Carlson, M. D.,
O. W. Nordenskjold, Capt. R. N.,
Elfrida Carlson,
Georgine Nordenskjold,
Hedden Burensland,
H. G. Nordenskjold,
Nanna Hoffmann,
C. Durling,
A. Lundberg,
L. Cedercrantz,
J. Lundberg,
E. Georgii,
and thirty-eight others.

The time not allowing us to obtain more signatures, we refer to those on our last address to the General Convention in the United States of America.

J. Lundberg.
H. T. Carlson.

Stockholm, May 7, 1885.

From the Gottenburg, Sweden, Society.

To the General Convention of the New Church in America: —

Dear Brethren. — As you perhaps may have seen of the papers, we here in Göteborg organized a New Church Society on the fifth of November, 1883, and, at the same time, we chose as our minister Mr. C. J. N. Manby, for many years Leader of the Stockholm Society and editor of the *Skandinavisk Nykyrktidning*, who, at their call, was present at that memorable occasion. But not until October last could he remove to Gothenburg and take up his ministerial office there. And so he did. We hired a hall which we, however, after four weeks left for that which we ever since have used, the festival hall of the Commercial Institute, a large and beautiful room, the best for our purpose, if we except a few churches of the town. The site is also very good, but the hire high, fifteen Kr. for the morning. The services have been better

attended than we dared hope, sometimes about two hundred listeners, the average number having been upwards of one hundred. The members of our society have augmented from seven, at the beginning, to twenty-six, as they are now, and we expect that several more soon will enter.

The first of February this year will be remembered as a remarkable day in the history of our society, not to say to the whole Church in Sweden, for then our valued and beloved preacher, Mr. Manby, was solemnly introduced by the rite of ordination, into the ministry of the New Church, that being the first New Church ordination in this country. Beyond the society's own members, about a hundred invited persons may have been present at the ceremony which took place at half-past ten o'clock, before the ordinary service at which a much larger congregation was present, all the sitting places in the hall being filled.

The sermon preached was extensively reported in one of the papers of the place, and notice of the ordination was given in a large number of the periodicals in the country.

Before long we intend to take steps in order to have our society recognized by the government, at the same time as several of our brethren in Stockholm and other places.

Wishing you, dear brethren, all blessings from our Father in the heavens, we sign, on behalf of the New-Church Society in Göteborg, Sweden.

Dr. N. Ekstam, *President.*
G. S. Sommar, *Secretary.*

Göteborg, May 1, 1885.

Applications.

From the Topeka, Kan., Society, for Admission into the Convention.

To the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America:—

By a unanimous vote, the Topeka Society of the New Jerusalem hereby applies for admission to your honorable body.

Our society was formed in the summer of 1880, and permanently organized in November of that year, with the Rev. Howard C. Dunham, pastor. Beginning with only six communicant members, we now number twenty-five. Our organization is a double one, thereby permitting the coöperation of a number of parish members who are not yet members of the Church.

Our Sunday-school began in October, 1880, with one teacher and six scholars. It now numbers six teachers and about thirty scholars. It has a library of over two hundred volumes.

During the past year our pastor has thrice administered the sacrament of baptism, administered the rite of confirmation once, and received four new members into the society.

Mr. J. F. Goddard was elected delegate, subject to your action on the application.

Charles A. Peabody, *Secretary.*

Topeka, Kan., May 17, 1885.

From the Cold Springs, Ark., Society, for the Ordination of its Leader.

To the General Convention of the New Church, Cincinnati, Ohio:—

Dear Brethren.—At a meeting of the Cold Springs New-Church Society, Arkansas, held at the residence of Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, Alvis, Ark., on the fifteenth day of March, 1885, we, the undersigned, were appointed a committee to present to the Convention, at its next annual meeting, the following petition, asking the Convention to ordain into the ministry of the New Church, our worthy brother, Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, and to send to us, if practicable, an ordaining minister for that purpose.

THE PETITION.

Cold Springs New-Church Society, to the Rev. Chauncey Giles, President of the General Convention: —

At a meeting of the Cold Springs New-Church Society, held at the residence of Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, Sunday, December 1, 1884, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit: —

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, has served as leader for our society ever since its organization nearly three years ago, and has given general satisfaction, both to the society and to the surrounding country, many becoming deeply interested in the doctrines of the New Church under his ministrations, and the prejudices which have heretofore existed against our teachings, having, to a great extent, been overcome through the same agency; and,

Whereas, We regard him as well qualified to teach the truths of the Word, according to the heavenly doctrines of the New Jerusalem Church; and,

Whereas, We are entirely isolated from other New-Church societies (this being the only organized society in the State), and from our isolation and poverty, entirely deprived of even the occasional services of a New-Church minister; and believing as we do, that to have the services of an ordained minister, would give us much greater influence among those around us, and in many ways contribute to the establishing of the Lord's kingdom in this land and country; and fully believing that the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, as found in Sections 2, 16, and 17, do, in their spirit, if not strictly, in their letter, make it proper and lawful for any ordaining minister of the New Church to ordain into the ministry our brother, J. W. McSlarrow; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby petition the General Convention of the New Church, or the Rev. Chauncey Giles, to ordain, or cause to be ordained, our worthy brother, Dr. J. W. McSlarrow, with full power to administer all the ordinances of the New Church, and to solemnize the rites of matrimony.

The forgoing petition is respectfully and fraternally sent and submitted to the Convention.

WM. F. WATSON,
NANCY J. WILEY, } *Committee.*

ALVIS, Ark., April 10, 1885.

From Rev. S. H. Spencer, for restoration of his name to the List of Ministers.

To the General Convention: —

Dear Brethren. — Having been for some years engaged in teaching, my name was with my consent dropped from the list of ministers of the Convention. As I desire again to devote all my time to the ministry and am engaged regularly in ministerial work in the Illinois Association, I respectfully request that my name be restored to the list of ministers.

S. H. Spencer.

Henry, Ill., May 22, 1885.

Copy of Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.

SECTION 1.—*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, that Rev. Thomas Worcester, D. D., of Boston, Mass., Rev. J. R. Hibbard, of Chicago, Ill., Rev. T. B. Hayward, of Brookline, Mass., Robert L. Smith, Esq., of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., J. Young Scammon, Esq., of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, Esq., of Springfield, Ill., Hon. John B. Niles, of La Porte, Ind., Dr. Charles Shepherd, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Ohio, David Snyder, Esq., of Philadelphia, Penn., N. F. Cabell, Esq., of Warminster, Va., Hon. John H. Wilkins and Sampson Reed, of Boston, Mass., Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and Henry B. Hoskins, of Gardiner, Me., their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of "The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America"; under which name they shall have perpetual succession with power to receive, take by gift, purchase, devise, or otherwise, property and estate, real, personal, or mixed, for educational or religious purposes, and to hold, lease, and sell or convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION. 2.—The business affairs of said Convention shall be managed and controlled by its Executive Committee(or General Council), subject to the direction of the Convention when in session. Said Committee (or Council) shall be chosen or appointed, from time to time, in such manner as the Constitution of such Convention may direct, and shall be governed by the Constitution of such Convention, and act in conformity to its votes. Said Committee (or Council) may create such offices, and appoint such officers, as they may see fit, and remove the same at pleasure; and may manage its business affairs in such manner as a majority of said Committee (or Council) may determine, subject to the control of the Convention.

SECTION 3.—Said Convention may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all courts and places, in its corporate name, by attorney or otherwise. All deeds, conveyances, or leases of the property held by said Convention, for the purpose of leasing or conveying such property, shall be made under the hands of the President and Recording Secretary, and under such seal as said Executive Committee (or General Council) may adopt; but all such deeds must be approved by a majority of said Committee (or Council).

SECTION 4.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to said Convention, shall be used for educational or religious purposes; or the proceeds thereof, if sold, or disposed of, shall be so applied.

SECTION 5.—Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of said Convention to alter, amend, or abolish its Constitution, or to form a new one, whenever it shall see fit to do so.

APPROVED, January 29, 1861.

Form of a Legacy.

"I GIVE to the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, the sum of——— dollars for educational or religious purposes."

[Where the gift is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, and the use specified.]

Form of a Devise of Land.

"I GIVE and devise to [here name the Trustees], in trust for the 'General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America,' a body corporate, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois [here describe the property], for such uses and purposes as the said Convention may, by vote, choose to apply the same. And the said Trustees are empowered to sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same at any time, and to invest and re-invest the proceeds for the use of the said Convention."

[Where the testator desires to have the income only of the property devised, used, or where the income or proceeds of the property is to be applied to some particular use, the intention of the testator should be distinctly stated, as well as the use intended.]

Recommendations

OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS ON BEQUESTS AND DEVISES, ADOPTED 1883.

First. The committee earnestly recommend that any person intending to make testamentary disposition of his or her property in favor of the General Convention, or any of its organized agencies in the various uses of the Church, should consult able counsel and be guided by them. The committee desire to call especial attention to this recommendation, and state as their reason for doing so, that the examination made by them of the very different laws of the several States absolutely demonstrates the utmost necessity for this course.

Second. They also submit the following technical suggestions: Unless perfectly certain that the laws of the State where the property is situate permit foreign corporations for charitable purposes to hold real estate, do not make devises of real estate to the Convention, or any of its various Boards, but make a bequest of a given amount of money or other personal property. But where the property to be disposed of consist in whole or in part of real estate, the will disposing of the same should contain an express direction to the executor to sell and convert the real estate to enable them to pay the legacies. This direction is absolutely necessary in the case of real estate situate in the States of California, Dakota, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and probably in other States.

Constitution

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Article I.— *Name.*

This Body shall be called the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, and shall consist of all who acknowledge the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed by the Lord from His Word in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and who unite with this Body in performing the uses of the General Church.

Article II.— *Meetings, etc.*

Section 1.— Meetings of this Body shall be held at least triennially, at such times and places as it may determine.

Section 2.— All members of the Convention shall have right to be present at its meetings, and to take part in the deliberations; they may also be appointed upon committees and elected to office. But the right to vote shall be limited to ministers whose official acts are reported to the Convention, and the delegates of Associations and other bodies of the Church connected with the Convention. But this section shall not affect the rights of the present elected members of the General Convention, until the Societies with which they may be connected become members thereof, or of some Association belonging to it.

Section 3.— Every Association or other body of the Church connected with this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

Article III.— *Officers.*

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, two Secretaries and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices until their successors are chosen; a Council of Ministers consisting of all the ministers belonging to the Convention, of whom twelve shall constitute a quorum; and a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries and Treasurer, together with four ministers and six laymen, to be chosen by ballot by the Convention.

Article IV.— *Duties, etc.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretaries and Treasurer shall perform the duties implied by the names of their several offices, and such other duties as the Convention may require of them. The General Council shall have snperintendence of the business of the Convention, and shall exercise the powers of the Convention in the interim of its meetings. The Council of Ministers shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the ministry, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.— *The Priesthood or Ministry.*

PREAMBLE.

"There are things of two kinds which must be in order among men, namely, those that are of heaven, and those that are of the world: those that are of heaven are called ecclesiastical, and those that are of the world are called civil.

"Order cannot be maintained in the world without rulers, who shall observe all things that are done according to order, and those done contrary to order; and shall reward them that live according to order, and punish them that live contrary to order. If this be not done, the human race must perish; for it is innate in every one by inheritance to desire to rule over others, and to possess the goods of others; whence come enmities, envyings, hatreds, revenges, deceits, cruelties, and many other evils: wherefore unless men were held in check by laws, and by rewards suited to their loves, which are honors and gains for them that do good; and by punishments contrary to those loves, which are the loss of honor, of possessions, and of life, for them that do evil; the human race would perish.

"There must therefore be rulers to keep associations of men in order, who should be skilled in the laws, wise, and fearing God. There must also be order among the rulers, lest any from caprice or inexperience, should permit evils against order, and so destroy it: which is guarded against when there are higher and lower rulers, among whom there is subordination.

"Rulers over the things among men which relate to heaven, or over ecclesiastical affairs, are called priests, and their office the priesthood. But rulers over the things among men which relate to the world, or civil affairs, are called magistrates, and their chief, where there is such a form of government, is called a king.

"With respect to priests, they must teach men the way to heaven, and also lead them; they must teach them according to the doctrine of their Church from the Word, and lead them to live according to it. Priests who teach truths, and thereby lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are good shepherds of the sheep; but they that teach, and do not lead to good of life, and so to the Lord, are evil shepherds.

"Priests must not claim to themselves any power over the souls of men, because they do not know in what state the interiors of a man are; still less ought they to claim the power of opening and shutting heaven, since that power belongs to the Lord alone.

"Priests should have dignity and honor on account of the holy things which they administer; but they that are wise give the honor to the Lord, from whom are the holy things, and not to themselves; while they that are not wise, ascribe honor to themselves. These take it away from the Lord. Those that ascribe honor to themselves, on account of the holy things which they administer, prefer honor and gain to the salvation of souls, which they ought to provide for; but those that give the honor to the Lord, and not to themselves, prefer the salvation of souls to honor and gain. The honor of any employment is not in the person, but is adjoined to him according to the dignity of the thing which he administers; and what is adjoined does not belong to the person himself, and is also separated with the employment. Personal honor is the honor of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord.

"Priests must teach the people, and lead them by means of truths to good of life; but still they must not force any one; since no one can be forced to believe contrary to what he thinks from his heart to be true. He who believes otherwise than the priest, and makes no disturbance, ought to be left in peace; but he who makes disturbance must be separated; for this also is according to order, for the sake of which the priesthood exists.

"As priests are appointed to administer the things which are of Divine law and worship, so kings and magistrates are appointed to administer the things which are of civil law and judgment."—H. D., nos. 311–319.

SECTION 1.— A member of the New Church pursuing in a Theological School of the New Church, or under the instruction of a pastor, a preparatory course of study, may, on presenting to the Presiding Minister of an Association or of the General Convention, the recommendation of the Principal of such school, or of such pastor, become a candidate for the ministry, and be authorized as such by the Presiding Minister to lead in worship, to teach the doctrines of the Church, to lecture, and to officiate at funerals, such authorization to be renewed annually so long as continued; and all such services shall be performed under the supervision of such Presiding Minister or Principal, or a pastor appointed for the purpose; and the provisions of this clause may also apply by vote of an Association to others than candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 2.— A member of the Church who has been a candidate for a suitable term, may, with the sanction of an Association, be ordained into the ministry, with such powers as the Association shall prescribe.

SECTION 3.— A minister who has been invited by a society to become its pastor, may, on presentation of the proper credentials to the Presiding Minister, be installed into the pastoral office, with power, if not previously conferred, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, and to consecrate marriages.

SECTION 4.— A pastor, after a suitable term in the pastoral office, may, by request of an Association, and with the sanction of the General Convention, be invested with the office of General Pastor, with power to authorize candidates, ordain ministers, and preside over a general body of the Church, while acting as Presiding Minister of any Association, or of the General Convention; provided that the adoption of these rules shall not affect the status of existing ministers, and that those who have been consecrated as Ordaining Ministers shall be classed as General Pastors.

SECTION 5.—Whenever any ordained person shall call in question any of the doctrines of the New Church contained in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, or when his conduct or practices shall be such as are manifestly injurious to the Church, or when his life shall evidently be not conformable to the Divine Commandments, he may be suspended from the exercise of his functions as such minister, by the authority of the Association, or other general body of the Church, within whose bounds he may be laboring or residing, until the next meeting of the Convention; but he shall have the right of appeal to the next General Convention; and the General Council of the Convention, with the concurrence of the Council of Ministers, may remove such suspension until his case shall be acted upon by the General Convention. The General Council of the Convention may, for like cause, suspend any minister not within the bounds of an Association, or

other general body of the Church, in connection with this Convention. And whenever, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of this Convention, or the General Pastor or President of an Association, or other general body of the Church, the circumstances of the case require that such minister should suspend his functions before there is time or opportunity to lay the case before such General Council or Association, or other general body of the Church, such General Pastor or President shall notify such minister not to further exercise the office of minister until the matter can be brought before the tribunal herein authorized to suspend. The Convention may, for like cause, suspend any minister.

ARTICLE VI.

Corporations, Boards, and Trustees, constituted for general uses to the Church, and desiring to coöperate with the Convention, may receive such recognition and supervision as may be determined, in conformity with the laws of the States in which they legally exist.

ARTICLE VII.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a two-thirds vote; provided, that the proposed amendment shall first be referred to the General Council or the Council of Ministers, and public notice of the substance thereof shall have been given at least six months before the time of such meeting; which notice may be dispensed with for any special occasion by a three-fourths vote of the Convention.

By-Laws of the General Convention.

SECTION 1.— The meetings of the Convention shall be opened by the reading of the Word and prayer, every morning.

SECTION 2.— The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the Sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

SECTION 3.— A Committee on Credentials, to consist of three persons, shall be appointed at the opening of each meeting of the Convention, to examine the credentials of the delegates, and make up the Roll of the Convention; said Committee to sit during the whole of that meeting, and to add to and correct the Roll, as may be proper.

SECTION 4.— All receivers of the doctrines of the New Church, who are in attendance at any session of the Convention, are invited to take seats in the meeting and inscribe their names and residences in a register to be kept for that purpose, at each meeting of the Convention; and such registry shall entitle them to participate in its deliberations.

This By-Law shall be read by the Secretary immediately after the opening of each session of the Convention.

SECTION 5.— Immediately after the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, Reports and Communications shall be read in the following order: —

1. Address of the President.
2. Report of the Secretaries.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the General Council.
5. Report of the Board of Publication.
6. Report of the Corporation of the Theological School.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological-School Fund.
8. Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological School.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.
10. Report of the Trustees of the Rice Legacy.
11. Report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy.
12. Report of the Council of Ministers.
13. Report of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions.
14. Report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's MSS.
15. Report of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.
16. Reports of Associations in alphabetical order.
17. Reports of Societies.
18. Reports of General Pastors and Ministers.
19. Special Reports.
20. Unfinished Business.
21. New Business.

When any report called for is not ready, its reading shall be postponed until all other regular reports have been read in their order. This rule shall not apply to

the report of the General Council, which may be presented in print as soon as prepared.

No debate shall be allowed on any of the above reports until all of them have been read; but a motion to refer, or to adopt a recommendation, without debate, shall be in order.

The above Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 6.—The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally, are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

SECTION 7.—No member shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon any subject, without the consent or leave of the Convention.

SECTION 8.—When a report is presented, it shall be regarded as received, unless objected to. If objected to, the question of its reception shall be taken. But its acceptance expresses no approval of its contents.

SECTION 9.—The *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

SECTION 10.—The application of an Association or other body of the Church to be received by this Body and represented in the General Convention, may be made through the General Council, and upon their recommendation shall come before the Convention. When the Convention has voted to receive such Association or other body, the President shall announce the names of its delegates, and invite them to come forward. He shall then inform them of the vote of the Convention, and, all the members of the Convention rising, he shall give the delegates the right hand of fellowship, and welcome them to all the privileges enjoyed by other delegates.

SECTION 11.— The President shall present an address at each meeting of the Convention, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention.

SECTION 12.— The President shall from time to time address the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other General bodies of the Church, or appoint some person, or persons, to do so.

SECTION 13.— All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name, shall first be submitted to the Convention or the General Council for adoption.

SECTION 14.— The General Council and the Board of Publication shall make their General Reports to the Convention, in print, as early as the second day of its session, embracing all subjects intended to be brought by them before that body for its action.

SECTION 15.— It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with them the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in their possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit their accounts for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

SECTION 16.— The two Secretaries of the Convention shall constitute a Committee on the Journal, whose duty it shall be to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or the General Council; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the committee shall judge necessary.

They shall condense and tabulate all reports and documents which are entitled to a place in the Journal, as far as is consistent with giving the substance of the proceedings; they shall revise the List of Societies appended to the Journal; and prepare, from the statistics of the several Associations, or other collective bodies of the Church, a table of the representatives to which the Associations respectfully are entitled. For the expenses of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

SECTION 17.— The Secretaries shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain, and other documents sent to this Convention, as soon as received. They shall also under the direction of the President distribute copies of the Journal of the Convention to foreign bodies or persons abroad.

SECTION 18.— Meetings of the General Council may be called by the President, Secretaries, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and at all meetings of said Council, seven shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Council, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Rice Fund shall be appropriated by the Council; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Council at any time, beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation.

SECTION 19.— All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, or provided in the Constitution; but the Vice-President may appoint committees in the President's absence.

SECTION 20.— The President and Vice-President are authorized to fill vacancies on any committee, or to appoint any committees that may have been overlooked, and to send their names to the Secretaries for publication in the Journal. All officers and committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session. The Council of Ministers and the General Council shall report all their doings to the Convention.

SECTION 21.— There shall be a Board of Home and Foreign Missions consisting of seven members, who shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, and confirmed by the Council of Ministers.

SECTION 22.— A committee of three persons shall be appointed to prepare, on behalf of the Convention, for each meeting thereof; and it shall be the duty of such committee, under the direction of the President, to cause to be prepared and printed a programme for the Convention; but such programme may be changed at any time by the Convention.

SECTION 23.— A Board of twelve Managers shall be appointed by the Convention, to which Board shall be intrusted the care and conduct of the Theological School. When the Board is elected, the members shall divide themselves into three classes by lot, numbered *one*, *two*, *three*; the first of which will serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years; and thereafter four members shall be elected annually, by the Convention or the General Council, to serve three years. These twelve Managers shall elect the President of the Theological School, who shall thereupon become, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board.

SECTION 24.—When a minister is ordained by authority of the Convention, or other body of the Church reporting to the Convention, he shall be considered a minister and member of the Convention, and subject to its jurisdiction, until his connection therewith shall be severed by voluntary act on his part, or by the authority of the Convention. Every minister ordained by authority of the Convention, and not connected with an Association, shall report his official acts to the Convention annually. Whenever such minister, so ordained, shall neglect to make a report to the Convention as aforesaid, he shall be notified of such neglect by the Secretaries. After notification and failure to report for three years, his name may be stricken from the Roll of Ministers, after the fact has been certified by the Secretaries to the Convention. In case a minister shall desire to be reinstated after his name has been stricken from the Roll, he shall make application to the Convention, which shall be referred to the Council of Ministers, which shall report thereon to the Convention. The Council of Ministers shall from time to time revise the list of the ministers, and report the same to the Convention.

SECTION 25.—Whenever any person who has been elected a member of the Convention shall become united with an Association, or other collective body of the Church, which is connected with this Convention, his name shall be omitted from the list of those who are members by election.

SECTION 26.—All communications addressed to the Convention during the interim between its sessions, shall be sent to the President or Secretaries.

SECTION 27.—The Constitution and Act of Incorporation shall be reprinted with each Journal.

Standing Recommendations.

To Associations, etc.

1. EACH Association, or other collective body of the Church, is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.

2. The Convention recommends to the several Associations composing this body that, as far as they are able, they sustain their General Pastor or Presiding Minister in the general work of the Church in their Associations; and when one Association is unable to support a General Pastor, entirely or in part, that adjoining Associations unite in the support of a General Pastor. (Journal of 1875, Minute 66.)

3. Associations are recommended to make such specific rules, under the general rules for the regulation of the ministry, as they may consider necessary or desirable.

To Isolated Societies.

4. To establish a Sabbath-school and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the Church shall be distinctly taught.

5. To adopt as rules of discipline, or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in MATT. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15–17.

6. To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg for loan to all who are interested.

To Ministers.

7. If not connected with any Association, to report to the Convention at each session, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.

8. To keep a record of the names, ages, residences, etc., of all persons baptized by them.

To the Standing Committee of the American New-Church Sabbath-School Association.

9. To report annually to the Convention such statistics and such action by the Association as may be of general interest.

Bodies Composing the General Convention.

THE General Convention is composed of the following Associations, Societies, and individual members: —

THE CANADA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Berlin, Wellesley, Strathroy, Montreal, and Toronto.

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Chicago, Batavia, Peoria, Canton, Henry, Chicago (German), Wilmington, Mount Carroll, Iowa (German), Lenox, Iowa (German), Janesville, Wis., Jefferson, Wis., and La Porte, Ind.

THE MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Portland, Bath, Gardiner, Bangor, and Fryeburg.

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Wilmington, Del., Baltimore First German, Washington, D. C., Easton, Md., and individual members of the Baltimore Society.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Pawtucket, R. I., Foxborough and Mansfield, Gloucester, Fall River, Lowell, Springfield, Brookline, Salem, Providence, R. I., Newtonville, Waltham, Boston Highlands, Lancaster, Contoocook, N. H., and Taunton.

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

Societies.—Detroit, Almont, Ypsilanti, Wexford Co., and Grand Rapids.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.— Minneapolis and St. Paul.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

This Association embraces societies and receivers in the States of New York, New Jersey, and part of Connecticut. *Societies.*— New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Paterson, Riverhead, Orange, N. J., Mount Vernon, Newark, N. J., New York (German); Vineland, N. J., Mystic, Conn., and Brooklyn (German).

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION.

Societies.— Cincinnati, Urbana, East Rockport, Glendale Parish, Pomeroy and

Middleport, Newark, Cleveland Parish, and Wyoming, O., Richmond and Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe County, Toledo, and Napoleon, Ohio.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies.— Pittsburgh, Philadelphia Advent, Lancaster, Greenford, O., Utahville and Sanborn, Darby, Erie County, Renovo, Allentown, Brooklyn, N. Y., Concordia, Ks., and Erie, Pa.

SOCIETIES.

Edenfield, Pa	admitted	1866
Milwaukee, Wis.	"	1867
San Francisco, Cal	"	1870
San Francisco, Cal., First	"	1875
Denver, Colorado	"	1879
Savannah, Ga.	"	1881
Connecticut Association	"	1884
Topeka, Kansas	"	1885

MEMBERS BY ELECTION.

Julien Shoemaker, Philadelphia	admitted	1870
William McGeorge, Jr., Philadelphia	"	1878
Richard A. Lewis, Philadelphia	"	1881
E. Burgess Warren, Philadelphia	"	1881

Ministers of the General Convention.

GENERAL PASTORS.

Samuel Fuller Dike, D. D., Bath, Me., ordained June 7, 1840. Ordained Oct. 10, 1841; consecrated June 13, 1847.

John Randolph Hibbard, D.D., 2040 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1839. Ordained May 29, 1842; consecrated June 13, 1847.

Chauncey Giles, 3502 Hamilton St., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained May 1850. Ordained May 29, 1853; consecrated June 14, 1863.

Frederick William Tuerk, Berlin, Ontario, Canada, ordained June 14, 1857; consecrated June 12, 1864.

William H. Benade, 3257 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., ordained June 7, 1846. Ordained June, 1847; consecrated June 8, 1873.

Joseph Pettee, Abington, Mass., ordained July 25, 1838; consecrated July 26, 1874.

John Goddard, Price Hill, Cincinnati, O., ordained February 4, 1866; invested with the office June 3, 1883.

Jabez Fox, 320 Indiana Ave., Washington, D. C, ordained June 16, 1849; invested with the office June 1, 1884.

PASTORS AND MINISTERS.

Warren Goddard, Brockton, Mass.	Ordained Sept.	19, 1839
Nathan Clark Burnham, Van Buren, east of Wabash, Chicago, Ill.	"	May 29, 1840
Sabin Hough, 933 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	"	May 24, 1847
William B. Hayden, 31 Winter St., Portland, Me.	"	June 13, 1851
Samuel H. Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass.	"	Aug. 28, "
John P. Perry, New Ipswich, N. H.	"	May 9, 1855
Arthur O. Brickman, 281 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.	"	Aug. 30, "
John Henry Ragatz, Benton Harbor, Mich.	"	May 31, 1857
Edmund A. Beaman, Cincinnati, O.	"	April 5, 1858
Gerhard Busmann, 1119 Twelfth St., St. Louis, Mo.	"	Oct. 9, 1859
James Reed, 12 Louisburg Sq., Boston, Mass.	"	April 1, 1860
T. O. Paine, LL. D., Elmwood, E. Bridgewater, Mass.	"	April 5, "
John Worcester, Newtonville, Mass.	"	April 5, "
Joshua Trowbridge Eaton, Shrewsbury, Mass.	"	June 13, "
George Nelson Smith, 24 Artesian Ave., Chicago, Ill.	"	June 24, "
James E. Mills, Quincy, Cal.	"	Aug. 19, "
Adolph J. Bartels, Hannibal, Monroe County, O.	"	Sept. 16, "
John Curtis Ager, 296 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	"	Sept. 16, "
John Isaac Herrick, Mauston, Wis.	"	Oct. 7, "
George F. Stearns, Mansfield, Mass.	"	Oct. 10, 1861
C. Louis Carriere, 1212 Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.	"	May 4, 1862

Edw. Craig Mitchell, 169 Western Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Ordained Nov. 27, 1862
Edwin Gould, 208 Mountain St., Montreal, Can. ..... " Dec. 14, 1862
Frank Sewall, Urbana, O. ..... " Aug. 23, 1863
Theodore Edsond, Lockland, O. ..... " Nov. 29, "
Samuel M. Warren, Hillside, Roxbury, Mass. ..... " June 24, 1865
Willard Hall Hinkley, Brookline, Mass. ..... " Oct. 29, "
John W. Lever, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... " Jan. 29, 1866
Charles H. Mann, Orange, N. J. ..... " Oct. 9, 1867
John W. Hunt, 630 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md. .. " Oct. 27, "
Joseph Worcester, 234 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal. .. " Nov. 3, "
Rudolph L. Tafel, 149 Tufnell Park Road, London, N. England ..... " April 12, 1868
John Doughty, 1508 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Cal. ..... " April 12, "
Calvin Day Noble, Riverside, San Bernardino Co., Cal. . " Nov. 1, "
William H. Mayhew, Yarmouth Port, Mass. ..... " April 8, 1869
Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater, Mass. ..... " April 8, "
Gustave Reiche, Boonville, Mo. ..... " May 16, "
Leonard G. Jordan, Oakland, Cal. ..... " June 6, "
Louis H. Tafel, 832 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa... " Oct. 3, "
Samuel S. Seward, 225 East Thirty-Second St., N. Y... " Oct. 15, "
Berry Edmiston, Riverside, Cal. ..... " May 1, 1870
Adams Peabody, Eureka Springs, Ark. ..... " May 15, "
Edward P. Walton. ..... " Oct. 30, "
William M. Goodner, Larned, Kan. ..... " Feb. 19, 1871
George W. Chase, Columbus, Ga. ..... " Sept. 10, "
Stephen Jepson, Riverpoint, R. I. ..... " Aug. 18, 1872
Lewis P. Mercer, Van Buren, east of Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. ..... " Sept. 29, "
E. R. Tuller, Vineland, N. J. ..... " Dec. 10, "
John Jacob Lehnen, Norway, Iowa ..... " May 11, 1873
John E. Bowers, 36 Homewood Ave., Toronto, Can. ..... " May 11, "
William F. Pendleton, 821 Windsor Square, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... " Sept. 3, "
Albinus F. Frost, Detroit, Mich. ..... " Oct. 16, "
W. D. Hastings, Janesville, Wis. ..... " Oct., "
Warren Goddard, Jr., 113 Atlantic St., Providence, R. I. " April 2, 1874
Horace W. Wright, Abington, Mass. ..... " Oct. 15, "
Solomon H. Spencer, Henry, Ill. ..... " Oct. 18, "
Joseph A. Lamb, Mystic, Conn. ..... " Oct. 24, "
Oliver Dyer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. ..... " May 28, 1876
Peter Joseph Faber, 345 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. ..... " June 11, "
Henry E. Goddard, Brockton, Mass. ..... " Sept. 24, "
Richard de Charms, 333 Larimer St., Denver, Col. ..... " Jan. 21, 1877
Richard Ward, Lancaster, Mass. ..... " April 13, "
James M. Shepherd, Ruby, St. Clair County, Mich. .... " June 3, "
H. C. Vetterling, Chicago, Ill. ..... " June 10, "

John Westall, Fall River, Mass..... Ordained Oct. 11, 1877
Jacob Kimm, Watkins, Benton County, Iowa..... " Oct. 23, "
D. H. Rains, Nashville, Tenn..... " Feb. 3, 1878
James Power Smith, McMinnville, Tenn..... " March 6, "
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In the report of the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, page 38, the statement of property on hand should read as follows: —

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$3,000 Bonds Eastern R. R. Co., cost	2,782.50
Mortgage, Portland Society	5,725.00
" J. R. Carter	6,000.00
" H. S. Brown	2,200.00
Cash	1,954.63
	$23,139.33

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110TH MEETING.

BOSTON, April 2, 1885.

1. The Association met at ten o'clock a. m. in the church on Bowdoin Street.

2. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Henry E. Goddard, who delivered a sermon from Is. xxxiii. 20–22.

3. The collection for the Union was then taken up and amounted to $93.20.

4. The General Pastor took the chair.

5. The Credentials of Delegates were called for, and the following Roll was prepared : —

MINISTERS.

Joseph Pettee, Warren Goddard, James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, George F. Stearns, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, T. F. Wright, W. Goddard, Jr., H. W. Wright, H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, D. V. Bowen, J. E. Werren.

DELEGATES.

Abington.—Lucius Faxon, Joseph Pettee, Jr., J. B. Cobb, H. J. Pratt, J. F. French.

Boston.—D. L. Webster, Wm. J. Cutler, A. T. Lowe, George T. Hawley, Roscoe G. Davis, A. C. Norton, Charles H. Moore,

Thomas Doliber, Charles H. Taft, James Shepherd, Frank P. Snyder, H. P. Nichols, George B. Davis, C. H. Blake, T. M. Dillingham, H. B. Warren, Charles Harris, E. S. Crandon.

Boston Highlands.—S. F. Howard, H. P. Chandler, J. A. Thompson, Arthur Burnham, Francis S. Smith, W. B. B. Child.

Bridgewater.—Cyrus A. Lewis, Nahum Leonard, E. H. Sprague, James M. Leonard, N. S. Keay, Austin Turner, Sumner Keith.

Brockton.—Lyman Clark, T. P. Stiff, T. H. West, Davis Copeland, B. F. Battles.

Brookline.—Albert Mason, Abraham L. Cutler, Wm. B. Haseltine.

East Bridgewater.—Henry H. Grant, Simeon W. Keene, Alfred B. Parker, Mrs. Simeon W. Keene.

Fall River.—John B. Albro, John Dixon, T. D. W. Wood.

Lancaster.—H. D. Humphrey, G. I. Ward.

Newton.—F. A. Dewson, W. D. Philbrick, Edwin Field, Wm. L. Worcester, E. W. Sampson.

Providence.—Thomas Hope, Thomas Hope, Jr., Benjamin A. Jackson, Samuel Darling, James G. Whitehouse, George W. Whitaker, John Daboll.

Salem.—Samuel Worcester, S. M. Noyes, John Mason, Joseph Ropes.

Springfield.—N. Foster.

Waltham.—John T. Prince, George Phinney, J. R. Worcester, Joel Shedd.

Yarmouth.—H. C. Thacher, Chauncey Conant.

6. The Roll was called.

7. Reports were received and read from the Societies in Abington, Boston, Boston Highlands, Bridgewater, Brockton, Brookline, East Bridgewater, Fall River, Lancaster, Newton, Providence, Salem, Waltham, and Yarmouth.

8. The General Pastor read his report.

9. The report of the Missionary Board was read.

10. The Executive Committee presented its report.

11. Mr. F. A. Dewson, President of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, then presented the report of that body.

12. The Committee of Ministers presented a report.

13. The subjects brought forward in the report of the Union were remarked upon. Mr. Dewson called attention to the possibility of largely extending its uses. He referred to the Lecture Bureau as an evidence of this possibility, and regretted that the

work was not all thought of and performed by the Union itself. He felt that our Church work should be in all our thoughts, and then the needed money would be obtained. Rev. Messrs. H. E. Goddard, T. F. Wright, and W. H. Hinkley indicated their approbation of the statements of the report, and of the services of the officers of the Union.

14. The afternoon lecture was assigned to half-past two.

15. A recess was then taken for collation.

Afternoon Session.

2.30 P. M.

16. The subject of the Union's work was continued, and remarks were made by Rev. S. M. Warren and Rev. John Worcester, who emphasized the importance of the work now done, and showed the benefit to be derived from making fuller contributions at the beginning of each year.

17. Mr. John T. Prince, Agent of the State Board of Education, then read a lecture on the "Child's Life and Regeneration." [*See New-Jerusalem Magazine* for June, 1885.]

18. The reading of the lecture was followed by a discussion in which several members participated. Rev. Mr. Warren had not heard a more important and practical essay on this subject, and expressed the wish that it might be put into the hands of every parent. Rev. Messrs. Hinkley and Westall seconded the suggestion.

Rev. John Worcester referred to that portion of the essay which brought forward the influence of the parent's example upon the child. The training to obedience, truthfulness, usefulness, and reverence, had been well and forcibly presented. The need of choosing playmates should not be urged in a way to lead to the seclusion of children, which might result in cutting off from other children a good example, and in making them incapable of dealing wisely with others. For correcting a child, the right time should be chosen when the good in the child can be appealed to, and when friendliness will be seen by the child to be the motive.

Rev. T. O. Paine would have each one cherish the child-like in his own mind, and so come into sympathy with the children everywhere.

Rev. James Reed dwelt upon the lecturer's remarks on the need of preserving innocence, deprecating any unnecessary exposure of

a child to temptation. The habit of doing a little useful work is most important, and is too apt to be neglected.

19. The following resolution, offered by Mr. Warren, was then adopted: —

Resolved, That, with the consent of the author, the Association recommend to the Massachusetts New-Church Union the publication of the discourse just delivered by Mr. Prince, in a neat and substantial volume, and at the lowest price for which it can be afforded. Also, that it be recommended for publication in the *New-Jerusalem Magazine*.

20. Rev. Mr. Paine invited the Association to meet in East Bridgewater. The invitation already received from Boston Highlands was mentioned. On motion of Mr. Paine, the decision as to the place of meeting was left with the Executive Committee.

21. Mr. Benjamin Worcester moved the following, which was adopted, after favorable opinions had been expressed: —

Voted, That the Executive Committee of the Association be requested to confer with the Standing Committee of the Union on the expediency of setting apart a portion of the time of the April meeting of the Association for a meeting of the Union, either annual or special, as may be found desirable, and to report at the October meeting.

22. The subject of defraying the expenses of delegates from this Association to the Convention was brought forward, and it was *voted*, that the Executive Committee be empowered to choose such a number of delegates and to take such action in regard to defraying their expenses as may seem advisable.

23. Rev. James Reed moved the following resolution in respect to the removal of Rev. Charles A. Dunham: —

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Association, our brother, the Rev. Charles A. Dunham, has been removed to the spiritual world,

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of his character as a man, of his intelligence and devotion as a minister, and of his valuable services, not only to the church at large, but to this Association in particular, which he served as its first colporteur and missionary and in many other ways.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

24. The Executive Committee was by vote instructed to provide

such assistance in preparing the report of the Association as the Secretary may require.

25. The Rev. H. E. Goddard was requested to hand in a copy of his sermon for publication in the Magazine.

26. After singing the 71st Selection, the General Pastor pronounced the benediction, and the Association adjourned.

T. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

JOSEPH PETTEE, *General Pastor.*

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

General Pastor.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, Abington.

Secretary.—Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater.

Committee of Ministers.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, Warren Goddard, S. H. Worcester, J. P. Perry, James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, George F. Stearns, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, T. F. Wright, W. H. Mayhew, Stephen Jepson, W. Goddard, Jr., H. W. Wright, H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, D. V. Bowen, and J. E. Werren.

Executive Committee.—The General Pastor and the Secretary, *ex officiis*. Rev. Messrs. James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, Warren Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, and J. E. Werren; and Messrs. Albert Mason, David L. Webster, Thomas Hope, F. A. Dewson, Lyman Clark, Lucius Faxon, Wm. J. Cutler, Francis Phelps, Lewis G. Lowe, C. T. Dunham, George T. Hawley, and John A. Thompson.

Committee on Religious Education.—Rev. John Worcester, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Mr. J. T. Prince, Rev. W. Goddard, Jr., and Mr. A. M. Knight.

Committee on the Fund for Disabled Ministers.—Messrs. R. M. Pulsifer, E. A. Whiston, and R. C. Kimball.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

President.—Mr. Francis A. Dewson.

Secretary.—Mr. Arthur Burnham.

Treasurer.—Mr. Albert M. Knight.

Directors.—Messrs. George B. Davis, H. P. Chandler, Wm. J. Cutler, R. M. Pulsifer, Lyman Clark, Albert Mason, Charles Harris, George T. Hawley, C. W. Barron.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, John Worcester, T. F. Wright, and Mr. W. J. Cutler, on the part of the Association. Rev. S. M. Warren, Messrs. Francis Phelps, F. A. Dewson, Albert Mason, and E. A. Whiston, on the part of the Union.

Reports of Societies.

Abington.—J. E. Werren, *Pastor.*

The Abington Society has little change to report for the year. There appears to be a very pleasant readiness on the part of all within and upon the borders of the Society to coöperate in contributing to maintain its work and worship, and to carry out any social plans. The envelope system of offerings continues to work well, so well that we should probably be at sea without it, while with it we are firmly anchored financially. The regular morning worship, which is held without interruption through the year, has been supplemented by two courses of evening lectures in the spring and late fall respectively. The Sabbath-school continues to meet after the morning service. Attendance at both worship and school is very even, varying but little from Sabbath to Sabbath, except in case of storm. Mr. Werren has officiated regularly with the slight exceptions of his vacation in August and one or two exchanges. Mr. Higgins officiated during the month of August. Besides the regular meetings already spoken of, there have been meetings in preparation for the Holy Supper, quarterly, upon the Sabbath next preceding, and throughout the winter a class for reading Swedenborg has met upon Thursday evenings at the pastor's house. The members are few but quite regular in attendance. The work on *Heaven and Hell* is being read.

A course of social meetings has also been carried through, which has been apparently much enjoyed. At nearly all of them the children as well as older and younger adults have been present, and something for the enjoyment of all has been provided. Quite recently a very special social event occurred which brought much happiness to all—the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. Mr. Pettee and wife. The occasion was observed by a general reception at the spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Faxon, at which the very sincere congratulations of their many New-Church friends here were offered to the elderly and beloved couple, an address given by the pastor, and a presentation of gold made. Mr. Pettee in response gave many interesting reminiscences of his long

connection with the Society and also of his earlier life. The evening was one of serene enjoyment to all.

Five members have been received into the Society: Rev. J. E. Werren, Mrs. Werren, Miss Martha A. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. George A. West. Death has removed three: Mrs. Irene Jackson, Mrs. Anna McKenney, Mr. Henry Dunham. The present membership is seventy-six. About fifty members are resident here.

Boston.— James Reed, *Pastor.*

Services have been conducted in our church on every Sabbath throughout the year. Although most of our Society and congregation leave the city during the summer months, it is thought best not to close our house of worship as the opportunity is afforded of doing some missionary work; many of the city churches being closed, some of their members who remain in the city, and strangers who are in the city from other parts of the country take the occasion to attend our Church, and the Lord in his providence may cause some of the seed thus sown to take root.

Early in the summer our pastor signified his desire for a longer vacation than was usual, in order that he might visit Europe. The privilege was cheerfully granted him by the Society. He was absent nearly five months; upon his return a meeting of the Society and congregation was held, and a cordial reception extended to him from both old and young. In his reply to the addresses of welcome which were made in behalf of the Society and congregation by the Chairman of the Church Committee, Mr. D. L. Webster, and in behalf of the Sunday-school by Mr. C. M. Reed, the Superintendent, the pastor said that the occasion, and the hearty expression of good feeling, and the gratification at his return shown, would do much in strengthening and supporting him in the discharge of his duties to the Society.

During the months of November and December our pastor on Sunday evenings delivered a course of six lectures upon the distinctive doctrines of the New Church. The lectures were quite extensively advertised with the effect of drawing audiences of between three and four hundred persons, a large proportion of whom were not usual attendants upon our worship. A thousand copies of each lecture were printed, and distributed on the suc-

ceeding Sabbath evening to their delivery, to the audience as they passed out.

A marked degree of interest is manifest among our people in the study of the doctrines of the New Church. There are four adult classes comprising about one hundred persons in the aggregate, under the lead of competent teachers, who meet for study at the same time with the Sunday-school, and the pastor has a class of about fifty young people,—whom he is instructing in the fundamental doctrines of the Church with the primary end in view of the confirmation and establishment of the doctrines in their minds to fit them for membership in the Church,—which also meets at the same hour, and a class of ladies meets the pastor weekly for reading and explanation of Swedenborg.

Our Sunday-school, under the superintendence of Mr. C. M. Reed, with Mr. George B. Davis as assistant, with a corps of earnest teachers is performing a good use for our children.

It is proposed during the months of April and May to hold meetings of a devotional character on Thursday evening of each week; a want for a meeting of such a kind between Sundays having been expressed by some of our younger members, as a help to carry them through the week on the plane attained by the Sunday worship.

Our usual series of social meetings has been held the past winter, at which in addition to the interchange of thought and good feeling, and interest in one another's welfare expressed, there has been introduced the recreations of music and readings. Our pastor has also given us two very interesting lectures about his travels abroad, with views of noted places and buildings seen, illustrated by the stereopticon. The pastor and his wife have given monthly receptions during the winter months at their residence, to which all the Society and congregation were invited.

The Young People's Association have held a series of meetings of a literary, social, and musical character, alternating with the social meetings, and also have held one dancing party.

In addition to his work for the Society our pastor has delivered two lectures on Sunday evenings before the Young Men's Christian Union; and a lecture in a church in Dorchester by invitation of its pastor upon "Swedenborg and his teachings;" also, by invitation of the President of Harvard University, he conducted services in the University chapel, Sunday evening, November 16.

Services in which the Societies of Brookline and Boston Highlands united with us in the observance, were held in our church November 27, the day set apart by the National and State authorities as a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our Heavenly Father," and an appropriate address was delivered by the pastor of the Brookline Society.

The system of weekly offerings on the envelope plan, for the support and maintenance of our worship, in addition to the amount received from pew rents and taxes, has been continued the past year with advantage we think not only to our treasury but to the contributors thereto.

During the past year twenty-five of our members have been removed to the spiritual world, a much larger number than ever before in the same period of time; comprised in this number were many of our older members, their ages averaging over three score and ten.

The table of statistics appended will show the number of members received and transferred, and the present number, also the baptisms and confirmations. Seven persons stand proposed for membership who will be received as members next Sunday.

Boston Highlands.—Julian K. Smyth, *Pastor.*

The past year has been one of activity and reasonable prosperity. As will be seen by the accompanying statistics, the Society is steadily growing in numbers, both in the church proper and in the Sunday-school. We have new faces among us; whilst, under Providence, but few either by death or removal have been taken from us. But what is of more importance, there are indications of genuine religious activity. The young people are interested, and evince an attachment for the church. The pastor's confirmation class has been larger than usual, ten of whom will present themselves for confirmation next Sunday.

We have no new methods of Society proceeding to report. As usual the pastor delivered a course of Sunday evening lectures during the winter, the attendance, although not as large as previously, was good, and consisted for the most part of strangers. Vesper services have been held during the past few Sundays.

In the Sunday-school, under the efficient superintendency of Mr. Arthur Burnham, there is increased interest and activity. The

school is growing in numbers; both teachers and scholars evince an interest in their work. It is now a custom with us to hold three general religious services of the school, one at Christmas, one at Easter, and one on the closing Sunday of the school-year in the spring.

The social wants of the Society have been supplied by pleasant social receptions, dancing parties, and one or two dramatic and musical entertainments. In the Fall, the Ladies' Association held their annual fair, netting $637, the greater portion of which was applied towards a fund for the liquidation of the church debt. This fund of the Association now amounts to about $1,000.

We close this report with the welcome intelligence that active measures have been taken for placing a window in the church to the memory of its first minister, the Rev. Abiel Silver.

Humanly speaking, it was to Mr. Silver's faithful and efficient services that the Society owes its present existence. How devoted he was to the church's welfare, how earnestly he labored for its spiritual and material prosperity, all his friends know. And now it seems like a fitting expression of their grateful esteem, as it is also a tribute to his life and labors, to place this memorial in the church he loved so well, and in whose service he closed his earthly life. The subject of the window (work upon which has already been begun) is Christ and the disciples walking through the cornfield. The work will be done in the best possible manner, and will add beauty to the little church which was dedicated under Mr. Silver's ministry.

Bridgewater.—THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Pastor.*

SERVICES have been held each Sunday morning throughout the year, Dr. S. H. Worcester kindly officiating during the pastor's summer vacation. A course of Sunday evening lectures was delivered in the church by the pastor during October, November, and December, upon "The Apocalypse in the Light of Christian History and Modern Criticism." These lectures, the fruit of a deep and thoughtful study of the spirit and life contained in that portion of the Scriptures perhaps least familiar to the great body of laymen generally, supplemented as they were with copious illustrations drawn from the letter of the Word, must have, it seems to us, imparted to the minds of all who heard them, a clearer insight

by which to measure, in a degree, at least, the extent of those internal processes, which are being wrought out by our Heavenly Father, for the upbuilding of His kingdom in the hearts and minds of men. During the months of May and June, 1884, and January, February, and March of the current year, Sunday evening services have been held in the vestry, with studies from various portions of the Word. The pastor has also officiated in Fall River, Portland, Boston, Brockton, and Boston Highlands. Ten meetings on Tuesday evenings were also held in the autumn for the study of the Book of Genesis, and at present for religious conversation. The Sabbath-school, with weekly teachers' meetings, has been continued through the year with a full attendance. Seven new members have been received during the year, namely: Mrs. Christiana Washburn, Mrs. Ella F. Covington, Mrs. Hannah K. Conant, Miss Lois D. Gushee, Cyrus A. Lewis, Mrs. Sarah W. B. Lewis, and Miss Caroline M. Jewett. One member has passed into the spiritual world: Mr. Edwin H. Keith. In the removal of Mr. Keith this Society has been deprived of the services and counsel of one of its most active and valued members. For more than twenty years he was director of the choir, and for a long period a useful teacher in the Sunday-school. Genial and kindly at all times, yet seriously earnest and conscientious in the discharge of any and all duties laid upon him, he has left with the Society and with the town the results, perhaps, of some of his best work, in the finer and more cultivated musical taste which has been acquired through his intelligent efforts.

Brockton.—H. E. Goddard, *Pastor.*

The past year of this Society has been marked with unusual activity. The very best feelings of unity and a fervent interest in the heavenly doctrines are actuating our Society to renewed efforts. Although there has been but one addition to our membership, we are happy to note that at the next quarterly meeting there will be a large accession to our membership.

At our regular annual meeting last spring it was voted to build a parlor for church uses, and a committee was chosen for that purpose, consisting of Messrs. Lyman Clark, George E. Bryant, and Thomas P. Stiff, who, after considering many plans, adopted the present. We have now, by their careful management, erected a

beautiful and substantial building, 25x35, one story, including a two-story addition. The former, which is beautifully furnished, fills a long-felt want, and makes a pleasant home for the Society. It is greatly appreciated, which is attested by the happy reunions which take place semi-monthly. The addition contains a pretty little room used as a pastor's study; the balance is used for a cloak-room, etc. We feel thankful that our old and beloved pastor, the Rev. Warren Goddard, has been spared to us, that we might hear his aged and beloved voice in expounding to us the blessed doctrines of the Lord.

Our Sabbath-school has been extremely pleasant and well attended under the able superintendence of the pastor. The Bible class, which has lately been organized, increases in numbers and interest. The course of lectures by the Rev. T. F. Wright, J. E. Werren, and H. E. Goddard, were highly appreciated, and productive of much good.

We have been called upon to mourn the loss of Mr. C. L. Hauthaway, Mrs. Emily S. B. French,—wife of Capt. Henry B. French,—Mrs. Henry H. Hayward, and Mrs. Dunbar, who, although we may not see, yet we feel their influence, and know that although their frail tenements now are laid aside, they still live.

The pastor and his father have officiated at fourteen marriages, thirteen funerals, and one baptism.

East Bridgewater.—T. O. Paine, *Pastor.*

Services have been held in our church every Sabbath of the year, the most of the time by our beloved pastor, Rev. T. O. Paine, LL.D. On account of illness he was compelled to spend several weeks in the Massachusetts General Hospital during the spring, and while there, his place was supplied by Mr. H. H. Grant, a member of the Theological School, who also preached for him several weeks after he returned home during his convalescence. Mr. Ernest W. Shurtleff, another student, preached two or three times during the year, and Mr. Pettee made his annual visit as usual.

The interest in the Society has been well sustained. Keeping our church open during the entire summer gives an opportunity to the members of neighboring churches of other denominations

to visit us, and many of them do so. The pastor of the Orthodox Church, with several of his congregation, drove over one pleasant Sabbath. There are also many summer visitors among our attendants, and some of them thus hear the truths of the New Jerusalem for the first time.

Mr. Simeon W. Keene has for many years spent several hours every week during the greater portion of the year in gathering material and decorating the church, especially the altar, with flowers, ferns, and evergreens. Much use has been made of simple wild flowers, and, in the Fall, of autumn leaves. His loving labor has added very much to the attractiveness of our church.

Under the efficient leadership of Mr. L. W. Richards, the singing in both the church services and Sabbath-school has been excellent. For some time there have been regular rehearsals at his house Saturday evenings, and under his genial encouragement a new interest has been awakened in our singing.

Although possibly our young people have not given as much time to getting up entertainments this winter as usual, still we have had something nearly every week or fortnight.

The especial feature of our Sunday-school to be mentioned is the infant class, and the excellent results obtained from the use of the Convention's new Manuals of Religious Instruction. An addition to the church was made lately, and the new room is used as an infant-class room. After carefully preparing herself in No. 1 of the series, which gives the stories of the Old Testament in a course of forty-two lessons, and having supplied herself with a blackboard, the teacher collected a class of twenty little ones, and gave them the most thorough drill in the Bible stories which any infant class has ever received in our Sunday-school. She was delighted with the book, and was debating whether to repeat the lessons, when fortunately the second number of the series, treating the New Testament in a similar way, was issued; and she is now teaching this course of lessons to her class. Her praise of these text-books is unbounded, and she thinks they were just what was needed by our Sunday-schools, and we can heartily recommend them to all teachers of infant classes.

Three of our old members have passed away, two of whom were original members of the Society. Mr. Samuel Keene, one of the original members, was superintendent of our Sabbath-school for about fifty years, and always has been one of the pillars of our

church, and by his loving Christian character endeared himself to all. Mrs. Ann Maria Bates was the other original member. Mrs. F. W. Thompson joined the Society in 1843, and was a member for forty-one years. Mrs. Sarah Lilly, a member of the Boston Society, who for many years has lived in our village, died in December. She willed her house and lot to our Society after the death of her brother, who is to have the use of it during his life.

Fall River.— JOHN WESTALL, *Pastor.*

OUR services have been held regularly during the year, with the exception of the August vacation. Our pastor has not preached for us since our last report. He has performed other pastoral duties, visited the sick, officiated at one marriage and three funerals, and administered the sacraments quarterly. The Rev. Messrs. Pettee, T. F. Wright, S. C. Eby, H. E. Goddard, John Goddard, and Warren Goddard, Jr. have preached for us; and also the following students of the New-Church Theological School: Messrs. H. C. Hay, W. L. Worcester, W. H. Alden, H. H. Grant, E. W. Shurtleff, G. I. Ward, and F. L. Higgins.

In the beginning of the year our pastor sent in his resignation, but our Society did not think best to accept it. Mr. Hay, who has conducted our services principally during the year in a very satisfactory manner, has been invited to become the minister of our Society, at the close of his connection with the Theological School, and he has accepted the invitation. We hope he will find a good field of labor with us, in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, for which he appears to be unusually well adapted. Our warmest sympathies are with him in his work, and we earnestly desire he may find the highest success in the ministry of the Lord's New Church.

Two have been added to membership in our Society, Patrick Smith, and Amelia J. Wood, and there have been seven baptisms, one adult and six children, and two confirmations during the year.

The attendance at our services keeps about the same as our last report. We hope it may increase. Strength lies not in numbers alone; but where the two or three are gathered in the Lord's name, and are multiplied many times, they bring with them a stronger sphere of heavenly life, and a concentration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our social meetings have been held this winter as usual. Our Christmas service was a joyful time to young and old. In the summer about thirty of our people, by invitation of the Providence Society, went to Rocky Point, and enjoyed the day with New-Church friends from Providence, Pawtucket, and Mansfield. Our Sabbath-school is prosperous.

Foxborough and Mansfield.— G. F. Stearns, *Minister.*

The past year has been a notable one with us. On the last Sunday in April, Rev. G. F. Stearns began to conduct our services, and, through the fostering care and assistance of the Association, he has since been with us every Sunday but one through the year. The Sundays have been exceptionally pleasant, and the attendance increased through the summer and fall, often being over fifty. During the winter it has been less, on account of the cold weather and distance to be travelled by our people.

Mr. Stearns has attended five funerals, namely: those of William Taylor, Charles Fobes Pratt, Grace Emily Fisher, Jessie E. Selse, and Howard Packard. Mrs. Sarah F. Stearns's funeral was attended by the General Pastor, Rev. Joseph Pettee.

The removal of Mrs. Stearns and Mr. Pratt took from us two who joined the Society when it was formed in 1846. Mrs. Almira Dunbar, who died in Providence December 15, was also a member of our Society. These removals from our small number, would be depressing if we did not remember that the increase and perfection of "the Jerusalem above, the Mother of us all," bears fruit and develops the Jerusalem below.

While we have not gained much in numbers during the forty years (almost) since the Society was organized, we have not lost ground and become extinct, but we have held our own, and now have a church and a standing in the community, which gives hope for future progress.

The works of Swedenborg have been, through the fund called the Rice Legacy, placed in the Town Library, and appear in its Catalogue.

The large number of contributors of small sums to sustain the Union in its sustaining a minister among us, and the introduction of the custom of collecting offerings each Sunday, are indications

that our people are taking up the work of a Society, and augur well for its more full organization and entrance upon those active duties of a body of the Church which really give it its warrant for existence and fitness for the Divine blessing.

Lancaster.— RICHARD WARD, *Pastor.*

THERE has been little change in the condition of the Society, since our last report. All who were then with us, are with us still, and two more have been received.

There is good attendance at public worship, which is followed by the Sabbath-school, consisting of three classes. The adult class numbers about twenty, uses the Manual of Instruction prepared by Rev. W. B. Hayden, and finds it very interesting, suggesting many questions and remarks. The class of young people is under the charge of the pastor, studying the Doctrinal Series. The Third class is composed of the six youngest of the flock.

The Thursday readings continue of interest; the work on *Divine Love and Wisdom* has recently been commenced. Services were held during the pastor's vacation, his place being acceptably filled by ministers from other places. The quarterly preparatory meeting has been held regularly.

The Wilder Benevolent Society has been formed by some of the ladies, during the past year, and has contributed to relieve those in need, at home and elsewhere. We have met socially in various ways; a lawn party, tea meetings, and evening receptions helping to foster feelings of sympathy, kindliness, and charity towards one another.

It has frequently been remarked by friends of other denominations, that our people seem like one family. The same sentiment was prettily expressed a few days since, by a young Swedish girl who has lately come among us, an entire stranger, led as she says to the chapel, in answer to her prayer to the Lord to show her the way to a good church, and she added with frank simplicity, in her broken language, "I like it so much, all look so happy, and love each other so much." It is devoutly to be hoped that what she saw exteriorly, was the true expression of interior affections.

Newton.— JOHN WORCESTER, *Pastor.*

THE Society work for the past year shows, in general, a prosperous condition. Our Sunday services have been more fully attended than ever before. The Sunday-school is large and well cared for. The charitable work of the Society, extended a little in its scope during the year, has been of unusual interest. The social meetings have been made remarkably pleasant and instructive by accounts of travels and by illustrated explanations of the work of the artisan and of the artist. Entertainments of this kind are remembered with special pleasure. It is doubtful if we gain all we might from sharing with each other our interesting experiences and impressions.

The committee having in charge the contributions of the Society for Church uses recommended that a collection be made the first Sunday of every month from October to July both inclusive. Early in the fall, cards are distributed announcing the time, and the purpose for which the collection is made, and naming a sum, in each case such a proportion of the amount needed as seems to the committee fair for our Society to contribute. The purpose of the collection is stated from the pulpit the Sunday before it is made. There is no solicitation, but a box is conveniently placed to receive the offerings. The amount collected by contributions, made in this way, is somewhat in excess of all that was paid by the Society in the past year. We feel gratified with the success which has attended the present plan. The ability and prosperity of a Society, natural as well as spiritual, can only be increased and permanently established by conscientious attention to and practical interest in the general uses which belong to the whole Church.

The Society regrets that because of the need of suitable accommodations it has not had the pleasure for several years of entertaining the Association. We are happy to state that action in this matter has already commenced, and we hope in the near future to invite the Association to meet with us. We are already laying by money for a church parlor, intending when it is needed to build a better and more commodious church.

Providence.—Warren Goddard, Jr., *Pastor.*

In our last report, reference was made to the financial trials of the Providence Society, and our experiences of the past year have been the cause of deep solicitude, as we feared that our house of worship, which we had so long been struggling to retain in the face of adverse circumstances, would have to be sold. Our pastor, however, went resolutely to work in order to ascertain if the cause of our trouble — an indebtedness of $13,000 — could be removed, and so far succeeded that $8,000 is now pledged to be paid upon May 1, 1885, and the interest upon the remainder is guaranteed for five years by Massachusetts friends.

At first we thought that such would be the strain necessary to accomplish this object that we should meet with difficulty in providing for the current expenses but by an earnest appeal, sufficient subscriptions have been promised for this purpose.

Though we do not feel it right to assume that we are as yet entirely free from the financial cloud, yet we trust that our next report will enable us to announce that our efforts have been crowned with success.

Services have been held uninterruptedly throughout the year, those in August being conducted by laymen. Three new members have been received into the Society: Clarence H. Manchester, Levi Hunt, and the Rev. Samuel Arnold. The latter was over eighty-four years of age, and had been for twenty-five years a preacher in the Baptist communion.

Of late our pastor has been delivering a course of Sunday evening lectures on the Book of Revelation. These lectures have grown in interest, and the audiences, though small, have been on the increase. An endeavor is made to simplify the explanations by excluding the technicalities and phraseology of the New Church which have frequently the tendency with those unacquainted with the doctrines to obscure and mystify. The simplicity and impressiveness of this method of securing the attention of strangers was universally commended.

Preparatory meetings to the Holy Supper are held on the Sunday evening preceding the same. This useful custom was introduced by our present pastor and has been found most helpful in bringing about a truer understanding and appreciation of this most important sacrament.

Our free bed at the Rhode-Island Hospital has been almost constantly occupied by sufferers of different denominations, and through this charity the Society is enabled to perform a great use to the community.

Mr. George E. Manchester has lately been appointed superintendent of the Sunday-school, and in his work is aided by an efficient corps of teachers. The scholars are being drilled in singing by Mr. John Daboll, and already show marked improvement. The pastor's class is studying the Book of Revelation, and the adult class the *True Christian Religion;* in both an encouraging degree of interest is manifested. The manual published by the Sunday-school Conference is used by the other classes, and meets with general approval. It is a pleasure to be able to state that the school is in good working order.

Recreations are provided from time to time by the Young People's Society, and generally consist of musical and literary entertainments. This Society continues to hold fortnightly meetings, primarily to assist in the general work of the Church, and secondly for social purposes and mutual improvement.

Our church has lost three members by removals to the spiritual world: Mrs. David Ballou, Wm. F. Preufert, and Cashel F. Cory. Mrs. Ballou will long be remembered for her active interest in the church and Sunday-school, and for the love she had for the heavenly doctrines. Mr. Preufert had been connected with the church for over thirty years, and during that time had filled various important offices in the Society. Mr. Cory for thirty-five years had been a member of the Society, and for over twenty years its leader, and was an intelligent and conscientious New-Churchman. He was preëminently a spiritual-minded person, one whose delight it was to carry the precepts and teachings of the Church into daily life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the first public meeting of Providence New-Church people.

In conclusion we would say that we have much to be thankful for. We have worked unitedly together as pastor and people, and trust, when fully relieved from our financial troubles, to give more attention to those duties which, as a New-Church Society, we are called upon to perform.

Salem.—D. V. Bowen, *Minister.*

The interest in our Society that resulted a year ago, in obtaining the ministerial services of Rev. D. V. Bowen, continues unabated, so that we are able to report the renewal of our engagement with him for another year. Since our last report one of our highly esteemed members, Mrs. S. A. D. Putnam, has been removed by death, and others who were deeply interested and active in its affairs have left the city. But these somewhat depressing circumstances have stirred us to greater activity, and our prospects for the maintenance and growth of the Society are encouraging.

We have at times an increased attendance of strangers at our services. A few who have more than a transient interest, have taken seats as constant attendants. One person has joined the Society, and another is on the point of doing so. The number of members is thirty-two, of whom nearly one-third are non-residents. Attendance on the Sabbath, ranges from thirty to fifty persons. Our debt has been diminished by the payment of three hundred dollars.

Wednesday evening meetings for instruction and devotional purposes were held in the Fall; but on account of the weather and other circumstances, were suspended during the winter. We purpose to resume them soon.

The ladies hold a Friday afternoon meeting at the house of one of their members, for reading and conversation on the doctrines of the Church. These meetings, conducted by our minister, have been interesting and instructive. Monthly tea meetings provided by the ladies, to which all are invited, have been well attended, and afford pleasant occasions for social intercourse and enjoyment. The ladies also continue their usual activity in preparing useful articles for sale, contributing in this way largely to the funds of the Society.

With a grateful recognition of the Lord's providing and overruling care, we enter hopefully on the duties of another year.

Waltham.—Benjamin Worcester, *Leader.*

This Society has few matters of general interest to report for the year just passed. No great changes have taken place in our community, except in the loss of three highly-esteemed members: Mrs. J. C. Thorp, Miss Mary K. Green, and Mrs. F. A. Hawley.

Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Hawley, though they never joined our Society, for many years have been closely connected with all its interests and undertakings, while Miss Green was one of the twenty-four original members. In the death of Dr. Luther Clark we have suffered the loss of another long-trusted friend.

Services have been held in the chapel on every Sunday during the year except one, when an unavoidable accident to the heating apparatus made it impossible to use the building. On all but twelve days the services have been conducted by our regular leader, in whose absence Mr. J. T. Prince and Mr. George Phinney, and once Mr. E. W. Cutler, have led us very acceptably. Rev. Wm B. Hayden preached once in the spring, and Mr. Ernest W. Shutleff once in the fall.

During the months of April, May, and June, afternoon vesper services were held, and were enjoyed by an average attendance of over sixty.

The sacrament of the Holy Supper was administered twice by Rev. Joseph Pettee, and twice by Rev. John Worcester, who, at the summer quarterly meeting, baptized three young ladies and confirmed ten.

During the winter, Wednesday evening meetings have been held weekly, devoted alternately to doctrinal reading and to various literary, scientific, and historical studies.

The statistics appended show a gain in average attendance at the Holy Supper of ten, and at worship of three.

Yarmouth.—William H. Mayhew, *Pastor.*

During the past year one member has been added to our Society: Miss Julia M. Hooper; and two — Mrs. Cleone Bursley and Mr. Frederic Matthews — have been removed to the spiritual world. Mr. Matthews was one of the original members of the Society, and had held the office of treasurer in the corporate body ever since its formation. He was characterized by an earnest love for and devotion to the Church, and by the careful and painstaking manner in which he fulfilled all the trusts committed to him.

Mrs. Bursley was so circumstanced during the latter years of her life, that she felt herself unable to meet with us in our church services. This withdrawal from the outward ministries of the Church, however, seemed only to have the effect to deepen and

strengthen her love for it, until at the last it became her most engrossing affection.

Vesper services were held during the months of July and August, which were well attended and seemingly useful. Other services have been maintained much as hitherto, although the past winter has witnessed the absence of an unusually large number of our Society and congregation.

The pastor has officiated at two marriages and seven funerals.

Report of the General Pastor.

Except for two months, when the authorities of the Association, on account of illness, kindly extended to me a vacation, I have been regularly employed in the duties appertaining to the office of General Pastor and Missionary of the Association to which I have been appointed.

Of the duties pertaining to the office of General Pastor, there is only the most general specification. He is empowered to authorize candidates for the ministry, to ordain ministers, and to preside under certain conditions over a general body of the Church. But these are very general, and only occasional, duties. It is not distinctly declared what more particular duties are involved in the title General Pastor. It seems to be implied in the action which has been taken by the Church, that it is good and useful that a number of Societies united in an Association should be under the charge of a person with this title; but what the specific province of this pastorate is in relation to the Societies, has not been defined. It has seemed to me that the proper course under the circumstances is, faithfully to attend to such work as commends itself generally as appropriate to the office, and to add other work that may in like manner come to commend itself, if this shall be the case.

A duty given to the General Pastor by the Constitution of the Convention, and which has, the past year, required considerable attention, is the examination of discourses written by students, forming a judgment as to their suitableness for delivery, and, if found suitable, authorizing their delivery.

Another duty which seems to be involved in the title General Pastor is, that he should be in free and friendly intercourse with the pastors and ministers of Societies, and with the Societies, not

interfering with, but promoting the usefulness of the relation between the people and their pastors.

Another duty clearly involved in the title, is, to be accessible by letter and in person to any who may wish to confer with me upon spiritual matters.

It has been understood by us that it will conduce to the promotion of this use for me to spend a portion of each week at our head-quarters, the New-Church Rooms; also, and especially, in concurrence with the Missionary Board, to visit Societies without pastors, and other knots of New-Church people, preach to them, and, when needed, administer the sacraments of baptism and the Holy Supper, and, in general, to have such pastoral care of them as is possible without residing among them.

To the General Pastor has been given, also, the office of Missionary of the Association. To some of the special duties involved in this work, I do not feel myself able to give the attention which may be needed and desired. A duty generally regarded as specially belonging to a missionary, is to give lectures to the public on the doctrines of the Church. This I have done only to a very limited extent, and for it I am not well qualified. Others who have more taste and much superior qualifications for this field of work, need to be, and have been to some extent, employed in it.

I think it is generally regarded, and it appears to me, as one of the most useful forms of missionary work, at least next after, if not before, that of public lectures, to engage in a judicious distribution of the works of Swedenborg, especially the small ones, and tracts which have been usefully used as lectures, or are suited to be so used. In this connection it is an interesting fact that books and tracts are furnished gratis to missionaries for distribution. I regard it as an important duty to furnish persons who are interested in the subject with works of this kind which they will give or sell to those whom they meet or know, who give evidence of being in a receptive state of mind. These little messengers come to men, at home, perhaps, where they are under no excitement and are free to allow their better part, the remains stored up with them in childhood and later, freely to express themselves. Indeed, in these so favorable circumstances, the little messengers are likely to furnish the occasion, which the associate angels know well how to avail themselves of, for awakening and deepening impressions of a sacred character.

It is my custom at the meetings of the Missionary Board, held monthly, to give a somewhat detailed report of the work of the preceding month. It is unnecessary for me to repeat to the Association what has been reported to the Board; and if there is anything in the possession of the Board which should be communicated to the Association, it will, doubtless, be given in its report.

I close with the following statistics: —

Since April of last year I have preached thirty-eight times in twenty different places; have administered the Holy Supper eighteen times — four times each in Springfield and Franklin, three in Pawtucket, two each in Waltham and West Foxboro', and once each in Mansfield, Boston and Hartford. I have given one license to preach, to Benjamin Worcester; have officiated at two ordinations, that of Samuel Clarence Eby, at the Convention in Philadelphia, June 1, 1884, and that of John Thomas Van Buren Croy, at the church on Bowdoin Street, Boston, February 15, 1885; at seven baptisms, eight funerals, and four marriages; have distributed one hundred and two volumes of the gift-books to clergymen and students for the ministry — twenty-four to ministers, and seventy-eight to students. I have furnished one person with a gift copy of the *True Christian Religion.*

Joseph Pettee.

Report of the Missionary Board.

This Board has held its meetings monthly, has listened to reports of missionary work, and has taken all necessary action thereon. These reports have been rendered by Mr. Pettee covering his dealings with the members of the Association, and by Mr. Stearns in reference to his work in Mansfield and its immediate vicinity. As is well known, Mr. Pettee was obliged to desist from his work in the autumn on account of his health, and to spend a portion of the winter in resting. During January, however, he resumed his regular visits to the rooms of the Union, where he meets those who may seek him, and he has also spent Sundays at Franklin, Pawtucket, Springfield, and Taunton, where there are no pastors, and at Boston, Brockton, Abington, and East Bridgewater. February 22 he conducted the public worship of the Connecticut Association. The Board is happy to believe that his health is largely if not wholly restored.

From Mr. Stearns's reports it is evident that he has actively engaged in ministering to the Mansfield Society and to persons in West Mansfield, Easton, and Norton. He has held morning services regularly in the chapel at Mansfield, and then has gone to some other point in the evening. In the week time also he has made visits, and held neighborhood meetings. When he was engaged, at a small salary of which the Mansfield Society would contribute less than one-third, it was proposed, and agreed to by them, that he should visit such points as the Board might designate; but it seemed well, in consideration of circumstances at his home, and of the wants of the people near Mansfield, that at first he should not go far from that place. During the year ensuing, however, he will probably act under the direction of our Board in visiting various places, without, as we believe, being less useful to the people near his home. Notice is now given that the Board will be glad to receive information as to places where his visits, with or without public lectures, may be desired.

The effort of the Providence Society to cancel its indebtedness came to the knowledge of the Board, and a Sub-Committee was immediately appointed to communicate with the people there with a view to their encouragement and assistance. This attention was most kindly received by them, and consultations were held with the pastor of that Society and others. It is believed that in this way an arrangement as to a portion of the debt was effected, without which the whole undertaking seemed likely to fail, involving the loss to that Society of its valued pastor, and possibly of its house of worship.

The pleasure which this success occasioned was diminished by a failure to be of any visible use to the sister Society in Pawtucket, but the Board still hopes to find there those with whom it can coöperate in the building up of an efficient Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*

T. F. Wright, *Secretary.*

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Committee has held meetings on the twentieth day of October, 1884, and on the second day of February, 1885.

At the first meeting the subject of the publication of *Our Church Uses* by the Union was considered in accordance with the request of the Association, and the following resolution was adopted: —

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Executive Committee there is a use to be performed in communicating to the members of the Societies the purposes, work, and needs of the Association and Union; and that a semi-annual publication ought to be continued for the performance of this and other uses."

The Committee gave some thought to the question as to a change of the name of the Magazine in view of some reasons in favor of giving it the title of the "New-Church Review," and asked for the opinion of the Committee of Ministers. The result was that no change was deemed advisable at the present time.

At the second meeting the principal business was to act in regard to the application of Mr. John T. V. Croy for ordination. After listening to a sermon, hearing Mr. Croy's answers to questions, and receiving the favorable report of the instructors in the Theological School, the Committee unanimously approved of his ordination.

Rev. John Worcester, Rev. W. H. Hinkley, Rev. T. F. Wright, and Mr. Wm. J. Cutler have been elected members of the Missionary Board for the ensuing year.

It will be the duty of this Committee to elect the delegates of this Association to the Convention, and to carry out any instructions which the Association may give in regard to their selection and to provision for meeting their expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*

T. F. Wright, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee of Ministers.

The Ministers have held their monthly meetings as usual. Many subjects have received consideration, such as the advisability of changing the name of the Magazine, the duty of citizens in the recent election, the interpretation of several passages of Scripture, the relation of pastor and people, the duty of the minister to contribute to the support of public worship, the methods of healing by mental treatment, the translation of certain words used by Swedenborg, the practice of the occult art by Theosophists, and the force of various doctrinal statements.

Action was also taken in respect to the removal to the other life of Rev. Charles A. Dunham.

A list of ministers of the Association is annexed.

Ministers of the Association.

General Pastor.

Joseph Pettee.

Pastors and Ministers.

Warren Goddard,
Samuel H. Worcester,
* John P. Perry,
James Reed,
T. O. Paine,
John Worcester,
* Joshua T. Eaton,
George F. Stearns,
Samuel M. Warren,
Willard H. Hinkley,
William H. Mayhew,
Theodore F. Wright,
Stephen Jepson,
Warren Goddard, Jr.,
Horace W. Wright,
Henry E. Goddard,
Richard Ward,
John Westall,
Julian K. Smyth,
D. Vincent Bowen,
Jacob E. Werren.

Authorized Preacher.

Benjamin Worcester.

* Not officiating.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*

T. F. Wright, *Secretary.*

Report of the President of the Massachusetts New-Church Union.

The character and quality of the uses to be performed by such a body as this Union, must always depend very largely upon the degree of interest in its work actively indicated by the individuals who are supposed to compose it, and by the community for the carrying out of whose purposes it has been established.

The Union is supposed to embody, in practical directions, the desire of the Societies and individuals who belong to the Massachusetts Association of the New Church, to extend to the general community of which it forms a part, some knowledge of the doctrines of the Church, which seem to them so inestimable a blessing.

The general means by which we seek to carry out this desire, are simple and well known to all of us. The story of a year's work has been told over and over again, until it probably seems quite stale to the hearer as well as to the teller. It is very difficult to find anything new to say, or any new and more interesting way of repeating it; neither does it seem much worth while to take the pains and trouble of coming far to hear it. We appear quite content to let the work go on in its quiet way, taking for granted that it is done as well as is needful, at least, and glad to be relieved of any responsibility at all in regard to it.

But such is not the way in which we expect to gain a permanent success in any business or employment, or any public use which affects the condition of the more external individual life. In all such interests we are well aware that without active, watchful attention, not only to the detail of our own business, but to every phase of the life of the community which may affect it, there is a certainty of falling behind in the struggle for success, which keeps us in constant exercise of all our natural desires and faculties.

If, therefore, we would look to the permanent interests of such an institution as the Union, we must adopt the same measures, and exercise the same watchful care as we would in a factory, a bank, a railroad, or a store, in which we held an important investment.

The Union now holds in trust for general church purposes, property valued at $75,000, confided to our care by persons, who, though not now present to advise with us, cannot be supposed to

have lost any of the interest in spiritual uses which led them to place it at our disposal. Is it an entirely faithful carrying out of such a trust to leave to a mere handful of our members the duty of selecting a smaller number still, to whose personal offices the whole duty is then relegated? and who again, under the influence of a similar unwillingness to take time from more apparently pressing necessities, may well be excused if they confine their activities mainly to the selection of one or two agents to whom the whole duty is then as far as possible consigned?

That such is becoming more and more the tendency of our organization, is evident to many who are most nearly connected with its work. And while it is quite true that the efficient carrying out of our purposes and uses depends very fully upon the capacity and energy of our salaried agents, it is far too much to expect of them, in the midst of the growing detail of our work, and of the interruptions from constant visitors, that they should do much in the way of originating new uses, or devising new methods of extending such as are already recognized.

Such work properly belongs to the body of men to be presently selected by you as your Standing Committee for the coming year. And the duty which belongs to the body now here assembled, or rather to the body which you as delegates represent, is that of selecting, not at hap hazard, but with careful consideration, which should come from personal knowledge as to what is wanted, of men suited in every respect to represent the Church in the performance of the uses which it desires to execute.

The men needed for such a duty are men of comprehensive views, and practical experience; the Standing Committee should not be a training school in the uses of the Church, but every member of it should have had full education in the work of a Society before being placed in a position of so large responsibility, as here should fall upon him. And he should be not only capable, but willing to assume all that can be implied in the acceptance of such an office; willing to attend every meeting, unless directly disabled; to give thought and attention to the especial detail of work which falls to his sub-committee; and to form and express opinions and exercise influence upon every question or report which comes before the general committee.

If he cannot or will not do all this, the work will languish, or fall into the more narrow management of some few individuals,

and by degrees lose the activity of life which comes from the combined intelligence and zeal, the extended experience and energy of a more largely representative body.

That the interests of the Union in the past have suffered from neglect on the part of its committees, should not in any degree be understood, or implied; but every member will probably feel that it is true, that the sense of relief experienced during the last few years from having the management of the details of our work in able and faithful hands, has gradually taken from us all oppressive feeling of responsibility; and that there is some danger that we may grow to rest content with present uses and methods, thus losing the living force which comes from constant and active effort to keep abreast with the full tide of life, flowing in a thousand other channels through the community.

A consciousness of the need for a new and earnest effort to avoid this danger of stagnation, and inaugurate instead a new era of more efficient and active uses, in which every individual may once more feel that he has a part, has led to the presentation of these introductory remarks. That our future proceedings may have a proper basis let us now review the work of the past year.

From the report of the Treasurer we shall learn that the Receipts have been as follows:—

From Voluntary Contributions and amounts received for Missionary Services	$2,943.20	
From Rents, less Taxes, Interest, Repairs, etc.	2,692.26	
For use of Rooms	288.00	
From profit on Book Sales	410.38	
Balance from last year	4.54	
Total		$6,338.38

A sum nearly $1,000 in excess of the income of the last year; the increase being due to Contributions about $450; to Rents about $300; to Missionary Services about $250.

The expenditures have been —

For Salary and Expenses of Mr. Pettee	$1,377.25	
Salaries and Expenses at Rooms	2,710.71	
Missionary Work	778.78	
General Convention Assessment, 1883–4	224.55	
" " " 1884–5	156.10	
Interest, balance of Account	17.49	
Amount carried forward		$5,264.88

Amount brought forward	$5,264.88	
Insurance on Libraries and Furniture	36.00	
Journals and other Printing	150.01	
Binding Books	29.15	
Repairs of Furniture, etc.	71.86	
Charged to deficit of New-Jerusalem Magazine	570.34	
Charged to deficit of Children's Magazine	210.73	
Surplus of Revenue	5.41	
Total		$6,338.38

The excess of expenditure above that of last year is chargeable to Magazine deficits about $800; missionary work about $200; the general expenses remaining about the same; and other items, as the payment of two assessments of the Convention in one year, being offset by decrease of special expenditure in other directions.

The increase in the amount of voluntary contributions reported the present year, is probably largely due to the greater promptitude with which they have been sent forward. A considerable sum which really belonged to the last year, but was received too late for report at that time, now appearing, to swell the sum received this year. In reality the subscriptions have not shown much increase.

We have reason to thank most of the Societies for especial promptness in making collections, which enabled us to go nearly through the year without the usual borrowing.

The Societies which have reported to us the names of especial committees appointed to attend to this matter in accordance with the vote of last year's meeting, are as follows: Newton, Boston Highlands, Fall River, Waltham, Bridgewater, Brockton, Abington, Yarmouth, Salem.

Those which have not reported are, Boston, Brookline, East Bridgewater, Foxborough, Gloucester, Lancaster, Pawtucket, Providence, Springfield.

It is a great convenience to us to have such a committee in each Society, and to be informed as to their personality.

The only addition to our funds during the current year, has been that from the estate of Mrs. Nancy Hills, of Newton, reported at the October meeting of the Association, namely, a house and land valued at about $5,000.

We have for several years held two funds under a trust established by Mr. Timothy Mitchell, of Elmwood, for the present and ultimate benefit of the East-Bridgewater Society, amounting, with

accumulations, to $11,872.55. These funds have been a source of considerable anxious care and trouble to us, but were accepted and held from a sense of duty. The action of Mr. Mitchell in concurrence with the Society, in desiring an abrogation of this trust, was therefore met by us with a ready response, and papers have been executed, terminating our responsibility. This was not, however, accomplished in season to form a part of the report of the Treasurer, the funds still appearing in his account.

It may be well in this connection to suggest that extreme caution should be exercised before accepting any other than posthumous trusts.

In accordance with Section 4 of the will of Eliza Jenkins, we have paid during the last two years from the income of a fund set apart for that purpose, the sum of $171.78 for the rent of a hall and cost of missionary services in the town of Scituate. There is still a balance of unexpended income applicable to this purpose, whenever desired by residents of the town.

No unusual activity has been developed in any branch of our work, neither has any languished; though the use of the library which was last year largely increased, appears to have fallen off somewhat,— nine hundred and eight volumes have been taken from the library, two hundred and twenty-one of which were works of Swedenborg. The large circulation of cheap editions will probably account for the decrease. Fifty-four volumes have been added to the Reference, and thirteen to the Circulating Library.

The sale of books last year was unusually large in consequence of the active work of the Swedenborg Lecture Bureau in circulating cheap editions. The sales this year have been much smaller, namely, $2,261.69; but the books sold have paid us a larger profit, as will be seen by the Treasurer's account.

In connection with this department, we have published, with our imprint, an edition of *Animals of the Bible*, by Rev. John Worcester, and a Swedenborg Calendar, to which has just been added a collection of Sermons by Rev. T. F. Wright, under the title of *Life Eternal.*

The Calendar met with a satisfactory sale, and is probably a useful publication.

The Printing Office has kept constantly employed five persons, with occasional additional help. We have issued from its press during the year, Manuals of Religious Instruction for the Board of

Publication, Doctrinal Series Nos. 1 and 2, *The Catechism;* Bible Series No. 2, *The Gospel Story;* No. 3, *Our Heavenly Father's Book;* Journal of the Sabbath-school Conference; Journal of the General Convention; Journal of the Minister's Conference; Journals of the Massachusetts Association, two numbers; Our Church Uses, three numbers; History of the Theological School; Catalogue of the Waltham School; Swedenborg Calendar; *Animals of the Bible*, by Rev. J. Worcester; *The New-Churchman's Guide*, for Rev. F. Sewall; *Life Eternal*, for Rev. T. F. Wright; *Brotherton Lectures*, for Mrs. C. H. Allen; Correspondence-School Notes, for Theological School, and a considerable amount of work for Societies, Boards, and individuals in the Church, besides the two Magazines and our own office printing.

As the Printing Office is maintained solely in the interest of the Magazines, its profit, which is considerable, being more than $600 the past year, is credited against the Magazine deficit, which would otherwise be much larger than it now is.

The last two years' deficit of the New-Jerusalem Magazine is much less than the previous average, in spite of an increase in size of sixteen pages; with an improvement also in paper and workmanship which makes it compare favorably in externals with the very best publications.

For this Magazine we have now six hundred and sixty-nine subscribers, an increase of fourteen; and for the Children's, six hundred and ninety-eight, an increase of eighteen.

It should be mentioned that the deficit charged off to these publications, which covers two years, includes the cost of the whole stock of paper for the current year; the value of that remaining on hand at the close of accounts being $382.09, to which extent we have anticipated the deficit of the next year.

The work of the Missionary Board will be fully reported to the Association. At its request, in April last, the Standing Committee agreed to provide for the employment of Rev. G. F. Stearns as missionary in connection with a residence at Mansfield and care of the Society there, at a salary of $750, it being understood that the Society should pay to the Union the sum of $250 towards such services. The amount of $778.78 has been expended for and by order of the Missionary Board in payment of Mr. Stearns's salary and expenses, and for the services and expenses of students at Springfield.

The Board has relieved us from some expense incurred at Pawtucket and elsewhere the year previous, and the total amount of its expenditure is thus less than we had anticipated.

The accumulation of a special Tract Fund would be a useful addition to our work, as we often see opportunities where a few tracts could be given with probable benefit to visitors, or to persons going away on a journey or for the summer, for distribution.

In the absence of such provision we have scarcely felt authorized to expend any of our current funds already heavily burdened, for this object.

Ministers and missionaries, however, are supplied through arrangement with the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society, whose reports we commend to the attention of every New-Churchman.

Having thus briefly laid before you the general features of a work whose fulness of detail taxes to the utmost the heads and hands of our active agents at the Rooms, little need be added, except to repeat the suggestion that they should receive the encouragement of more active coöperation and guidance on the part of all who hold any relation to the Church in Massachusetts, whether as officers or members of this Union, or as ministers and members of the Societies in the Association; a coöperation to be expressed not only in contributions of money, but of time and sympathy, and active interest in every possible channel into which its means of usefulness may be directed.

Francis A. Dewson, *President.*

TREASURER'S

DR. A. M. KNIGHT, TREASURER, *in account with*

1884.				
Mch. 1.	To Balance Cash on hand			$4.54
April 3.	Collection at Association Meeting		$106.00	
Oct. 9.	" " "		60.00	
				166.00
	Amount received from Boston Society		250.00	
	" " Ladies' Reading Class		18.00	
	" " Harvard Biblical Club		10.00	
	" " Moral Education Ass'n		10.00	
				288.00
	Contributions: —			
	Boston		1,568.00	
	Brookline		33.60	
	Waltham		31.00	
	Abington		90.25	
	Yarmouth		33.74	
	Franklin		25.40	
	Bridgewater		100.00	
	Lancaster		49.00	
	Fall River		41.00	
	Newtonville		342.01	
	Mansfield		172.70	
	East Bridgewater		2.00	
	Boston Highlands		50.00	
	Brockton		100.00	
	Pawtucket		50.00	
	Gloucester		25.00	
	Connecticut Association		17.50	
	Sundries		46.00	
				2,777.20
	Rents, Jenkins Building	$4,360.04		
	Less Taxes, Interest, Repairs, and Sundry Expenses	1,667.78		
				2,692.26
	Book-Sales Profits			410.38
	Balance of debts due March 1, 1884, transferred from Stock Account to investments			94.89
	Part of Stock of Books on sale, transferred to investments			30.91
				$6,464.18

REPORT.

The Massachusetts New-Church Union.

1885.				Cr.
Feb. 28.	By Cash paid	Rev. Joseph Pettee, Salary	$1,200.00	
		Expenses	177.25	$1,377.25
"	"	E. A. Whiston, Salary	1,600.00	
"	"	Miss S. E. Wyeth, Salary	550.00	
"	"	Wages of Man	208.00	2,358.00
"	"	Expenses at Rooms		352.71
"	"	Cost of April Journal of Association	66.67	
"	"	" October " "	18.93	85.60
"	"	Insurance (Furniture and Libraries)		36.00
"	"	Assessment of Gen'l Con. 1883–4		224.55
"	"	" " " 1884–5		156.10
"	"	Binding Library Books		21.50
"	"	Sundry Library Expenses		7.65
"	"	Printing "Our Church Uses," 3 Nos.		52.66
"	"	Repairs on furniture and carpenter's jobs		68.21
"	"	R. R. Tickets for Missionary uses		22.50
"	"	"Leaflets" for free distribution		11.75
"	"	Balance of Interest Account		17.49
"	"	By order of Missionary Board		756.28
"	"	For new Furniture		3.65
"	"	Deficit on N. J. Magazine charged off		570.34
"	"	" Children's " " "		210.73
"	"	Increase in Stock of Books on hand March 1, 1885	1,641.03	
		" 1, 1884	1,509.82	131.21
				$6,464.18

Dr. NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE.

1884.

	To Cost of Printing and Mailing, Editorial Expenses and Advertising, including Stock of Paper for the year 1885..	$1,737.93
		$1,737.93

Dr. CHILDREN'S NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE.

1884.

Mch. 1.	To Balance.....	$83.35
	Cost of Printing and Mailing, Editorial Expenses and Advertising, including Stock of Paper for the year 1885	881.33
		$964.68

Dr. LIBRARY FUND.

1884.

	To Cash for Books.....	$79.89
	Balance.....	891.81
		$971.70

Dr. SCITUATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND.

1884.

Mch. 17.	To Cash for Rent of Hall at Scituate for Services	$30.00
	Balance.....	1,136.18
		$1,166.18

Dr. TIMOTHY MITCHELL FUND.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EAST-BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY.

1885.

Feb. 28.	To Balance.....	$6,622.55
		$6,622.55

NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$14.00
	Cash for Subscriptions and Advertisements	1,153.59
	Two years Deficit charged to Profit and Loss	570.34
		$1,737.93

CHILDREN'S NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE. Cr.

1884.		
	By Cash for Subscriptions and Bound Volumes	$753.95
	Two years Deficit charged to Profit and Loss	210.73
		$964.68

LIBRARY FUND. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$915.66
	Cash, Sundries	1.10
	Interest	54.94
		$971.70
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$891.81

SCITUATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$1,100.18
	Interest	66.00
		$1,166.18
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$1,136.18

TIMOTHY MITCHELL FUND. Cr.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EAST-BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$6,552.63
	Accumulation of Interest above amount paid to Society.	69.92
		$6,622.55
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$6,622.55

Dr. TIMOTHY MITCHELL PERSONAL FUND.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF EAST-BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY AFTER DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL.

1885.		
Feb. 28.	To Balance	$5,250.00
		$5,250.00

Dr. SEARLE FUND FOR AGED MINISTERS.

1885.		
Feb. 28.	To Balance	$2,108.31
		$2,108.31

Dr. THOMAS FUND.

1885.		
Feb. 28.	To Balance	$4,933.32
		$4,933.32

Dr. SUNDRY FUNDS.

1884.		
	By Thomas Fund (stated above)	$4,872.70
	Balance	39,867.70
		$44,740.40

TIMOTHY MITCHELL PERSONAL FUND. Cr.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF EAST-BRIDGEWATER SOCIETY AFTER DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. MITCHELL.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$4,250.00
	House and Land at Elmwood conveyed by T. Mitchell.	1,000.00
		$5,250.00
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$5,250.00

SEARLE FUND FOR AGED MINISTERS. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$1,935.20
	Cash, Contributions	57.00
	Interest	116.11
		$2,108.31
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$2,108.31

THOMAS FUND. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$4,872.70
Apr. 30.	Cash, from Executor of Estate	60.62
		$4,933.32
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$4,933.32

SUNDRY FUNDS. Cr.

1884.		
Mch. 1.	By Balance	$41,701.02
	Aged Ministers' Fund, (no change)	39.38
	Nancy Hills " (new)	3,000.00
		$44,740.40
1885.		
Mch. 1.	By Jenkins Fund	$30,385.88
	Aged Ministers' Fund	39.38
	Scituate "	5,000.00
	Emerson "	200.00
	Sarah Searle "	742.44
	Moses Day "	500.00
	Nancy Hills "	3,000.00
		$39,867.70

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Dr.		
1885.		
Feb. 28.	To Balance	$4,897.27
		$4,897.27

CASH ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1885.

Dr.			Cr.	
Mch. 1, 1884.				
To Balance on hand	$909.82			
Children's Magazine	753.95	By Children's Magazine		$881.33
New-Jerusalem Magazine	1,153.59	New-Jerusalem Magazine		1,737.93
Book Sales	2,081.45	Book Sales		1,577.21
Expense Account	129.89	Expense Account		4,774.48
Rent "	4,360.04	Rent "		1,667.78
Library Fund	1.10	Library Fund		79.89
Interest Account	227.60	Interest Account		245.09
Printing Office	2,720.31	Printing Office		3,359.73
Inc. T. M. Pers. Fund	193.66	Inc. T. M. Pers. Fund		193.66
Inc. T. M. E. B. "	191.60	Inc. T. M. E. B. "		191.85
Notes Payable	500.00	Notes Payable		500.00
Contributions	2,943.20	Printing-Office Equip't.		205.24
Searle Fund for A. Min.	57.00	Scituate S. S. Fund		30.00
Thomas Fund	60.62	Missionary Board		756.28
Income Account	288.00	Newtonville Estate		84.92
		Furniture and Fixtures		3.65
		Balance on hand		282.79
	$16,571.83			$16,571.83

STOCK ACCOUNT. Cr.

1884.			
Mch. 1.	By Balance		$4,892.75
	Profit and Loss		4.52
			$4,897.27
1885.			
Mch. 1.	By Reference Library		$1,850.00
	Circulating "		500.00
	Stock of Books on sale	$1,641.03	
	Less amount transferred to investments, as per Treasurer's Account	30.91	
			1,610.12
	Furniture and Fixtures		937.15
			$4,897.27

Dr. TRIAL BALANCE. Cr.

Feb. 28, 1885.		Feb. 28, 1885.	
Mass. N. C. Union Building,	$50,000.00	Stock Account	$4,897.27
Mortgage, (Scituate)	2,600.00	Jenkins Fund	30,385.88
Reference Library	1,850.00	Scituate S. S. Fund	1,136.18
Furniture and Fixtures	937.15	Aged Ministers Fund	39.38
Circulating Library	500.00	Mortgage on Building	9,500.00
Cash	282.79	Thomas Fund	4,933.32
Abington Savings Bank	1,400.00	Scituate Fund	5,000.00
Books on Sale	1,641.03	Charles Emerson Fund	200.00
Printing Office Equipment	1,660.37	T. Mitchell Fund	6,622.55
E. Bridgewater Savings B'k.	1,000.00	Sarah Searle Fund	742.44
Fall River Savings Bank	1,125.74	Searle Fund for Aged Min.	2,108.31
Suffolk Savings Bank	1,000.00	Library Fund	891.81
Citizens(Fall River)Savings Bank	1,757.09	Mitchell Personal Fund	5,250.00
Boston Five Cent Sav. Bk.	1,320.19	Moses Day Fund	500.00
Plymouth Savings Bank	1,000.00	Nancy Hills Fund	3,000.00
Hingham Savings Bank	1,269.53		
Satucket House and Farm	1,000.00		
Newtonville Estate	3,084.92		
Elmwood Estate	1,000.00		
Balance of Accounts due	778.33		
	$75,207.14		$75,207.14

ALBERT M. KNIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

CHARLES HARRIS,
JOHN A. THOMPSON, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1885.

Name of Society.	Pastor, Minister or Leader.	No. of Members.	Average attendance at Holy Supper.	Average attendance at Worship.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Added to Membership.	Deaths and Removals.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.
Abington	J E. Werren, Pastor	76	40	75	.....	.....	5	3	6	38
Boston	James Reed, Pastor	628	317	.....	18	19	23	34	22	220
Boston Highlands	J. K. Smyth, Pastor	140	91	160	17	6	10	4	17	140
Bridgewater	T. F. Wright, Pastor	116	88	175	9	5	7	1	11	130
Brockton	H. E. Goddard, Pastor	76	60	200	1	.....	.....	4	11	120
Brookline	W. H. Hinkley, Pastor	56	47	69	.....	.....	2	.....	7	62
East Bridgewater	T. O. Paine, Pastor	51	41	100	2	.....	2	5	12	90
Fall River	John Westall, Pastor	29	15	50	7	2	2	.....	6	44
Foxboro' and Mansfield	G. F. Stearns, Minister	17	12	13	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....
Gloucester		10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster	Richard Ward, Pastor	40	30	35	.....	2	2	.....	3	11
Newton	John Worcester, Pastor	64	67	100	4	.....	1	1	6	50
Pawtucket, R. I.	F. Pratt, Leader	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, R. I.	Warren Goddard, Jr., Pastor	104	43	87	6	3	3	3	8	82
Salem	D. V. Bowen, Minister	32	21	40	.....	.....	1	1	4	25
Springfield	G. I. Ward, Leader	17	20	22	3	.....	.....	.....	2	20
Waltham	Benj. Worcester, Leader	32	49	69	6	10	.....	1	6	45
Yarmouth	W. H. Mayhew, Pastor	33	19	.....	3	1	1	2	3	23

Total number of members, 1,535

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called The Massachusetts Association of the New-Jerusalem Church.

2. The Societies composing it are the Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, East Bridgewater, and North Bridgewater Societies, and any other Societies of the New-Jerusalem Church admitted by vote of the Association.

3. The acting members of its meetings shall be its Ministers, and Delegates duly chosen by the Societies.

4. The Ministers of the Association shall be the General Pastor, the Pastors and Ministers of the Associated Societies, and any other Ministers recognized as such by the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, who reside within the limits of the Association. Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction, shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper and the rite of Confirmation, and to consecrate marriages.

5. Each Society shall be entitled to three Delegates, and one additional Delegate for every twenty-five members, until the number of members exceeds one hundred; beyond which number, fifty additional members shall be required to confer an additional Delegate.

6. All members of the Associated Societies, in good standing in the same, may be present at, and take part in, the deliberations of the meetings; and may be appointed on Committees and charged with other duties by the Association.

7. The Officers of the Association shall be a General Pastor and a Secretary, together with a Committee of Ministers, an Executive Committee, a Missionary Board, and a Committee on Religious Education.

8. The General Pastor shall hold his office by a tenure similar

to that of the Pastor of a Society. He shall have a general supervision over the affairs of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the Association, and shall have authority to call special meetings thereof, to alter the time and place of holding meetings, and to convene the Committee of Ministers and the Executive Committee at his discretion.

9. The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to that office.

10. The Committee of Ministers shall consist of all the Ministers of the Association.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the General Pastor and the Secretary, and of twelve Ministers and twelve Laymen to be elected annually. It shall act, in conjunction with the General Pastor, on all matters relating to the ordination of Ministers, the authorization of preachers when the General Pastor has not sole jurisdiction under the rules of the Convention, and on the application of Societies for institution and for their admission into the Association. This Committee shall act with the authority of the Association, and have a general superintendence of its affairs, in the interim of its meetings. It shall prepare business for the action of the Association, and shall hold meetings by previous appointment, or at the call of the General Pastor, or at the call of any five members of the Committee. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

12. The General Pastor, and four other persons, to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee, shall, with five other persons, to be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, together constitute the Missionary Board of the Association and Union. This Board shall have the entire charge and control of all the missionary and colportage work, and the appointment and direction of the persons by whom it is performed; but the compensation of such agents shall be fixed by the Standing Committee of the Union.

13. The Committee on Religious Education shall consist of five members, who shall be elected annually; and it shall be their duty to consider and report from time to time upon subjects connected with religious education.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Association shall meet semi-annually in April and October.

2. The Order of Proceedings at meetings of the Association shall be:—

1. Divine Worship.
2. Collection for the Massachusetts New-Church Union.
3. Calling the Roll.
4. Reports of Societies (in April).
5. Election of Officers (in October).
6. Report of General Pastor.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Report of Massachusetts New-Church Union.
10. Report of Committee of Ministers.
11. Report of Committee on Religious Education.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.

3. All Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee.

4. All resolutions shall be in writing; and any motion shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Chair, if desired.

5. At the close of each meeting, the Journal of its proceedings shall be read.

6. The Journal of each meeting, together with such Reports and other documents as the meeting may direct, shall be printed by the Secretary in such manner as the Association shall from time to time direct; but when a document is abridged for the purpose of publication, the Secretary shall preserve a copy of the original.

7. Each Society shall report to the April meeting of the Association, its statistics for the year, together with such other information as ought to be laid before the Association.

8. The Executive Committee shall elect the delegates to represent this Association in the General Convention, and the delegates thus selected shall be authorized to fill any vacancies which may exist in their number.

9. The Committee of Ministers shall annually revise the list of ministers, and report the same to the Association.

10. When the application of a Society for admission into this Association is granted, if delegates from the Society be present, they shall be received by the Presiding Officer in a manner similar to that in which he would receive members into a Society.

11. In case any question arises as to the respective duties or jurisdiction of the Association and Union, a convention shall be called upon the request of either body, to consist of the Standing Committee of the Union, and the Executive Committee of the Association; and the action of such convention shall be considered final, until annulled or modified by the Association or the Union.

List of Societies.

Boston	organized Aug. 15, 1818.
Bridgewater	May 29, 1833.
Abington	Feb. 25, 1835.
East Bridgewater	Aug. 2, 1838.
Brockton	Sept. 12, 1838.
Providence, R. I.	Oct. 15, 1839.
Yarmouth	Sept. 20, 1843.
Pawtucket, R. I.	Apr. 4, 1844.
Lowell	Sept. 17, 1844.
Foxborough and Mansfield	Nov. 19, 1846.
Springfield	Mch. 27, 1853.
Fall River	Nov. 12, 1854.
Brookline	Apr. 29, 1857.
Contoocook	May 24, 1857.
Taunton	Aug. 26, 1860.
Salem	Jan. 25, 1863.
Newton	Apr. 11, 1869.
Waltham	July 4, 1869.
Boston Highlands	Dec. 12, 1870.
Gloucester	May 11, 1871.
Lancaster	Oct. 10, 1875.

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OF THE

NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

111TH MEETING.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Oct. 1, 1885.

1. The Association was called to order at ten o'clock A. M.

2. Religious service was conducted by Rev. Joseph Pettee, General Pastor, who delivered a sermon from LUKE xvi. 9.

3. At the close of the service, Henry Clinton Hay was ordained into the ministry by the General Pastor.

4. The collection for the Union amounted to $61.00.

5. The delegates presented their credentials, and the following roll was prepared: —

MINISTERS.

Joseph Pettee, James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, Geo. F. Stearns, S. M. Warren, Wm. H. Mayhew, T. F. Wright, H. E. Goddard, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, J. E. Werren, Henry C. Hay. Rev. J. S. David was also present.

DELEGATES.

Abington.— Lucius Faxon, Loring Holbrook, Joseph F. French, Edward W. Cobb, Joseph Pettee, Jr., Jacob B. Cobb.

Boston.— David L. Webster, Wm. J. Cutler, Charles Harris, Francis Loring, E. Waldo Cutler, Jas. A. Young, David Whittemore, Horace Smith, Henry P. Nichols, Alex. C. Norton, George L. Taft, Frank L. Higgins, Chas. W. Saunders, Augustus F. Webster, Seth Bryant, Thos. Doliber, Newton M. Keene.

Boston Highlands.— C. T. Dunham, J. A. Thompson, S. F. Howard, J. S. Conant, J. W. C. Chipman, W. L. Blanchard, Arthur Burnham.

Bridgewater.— E. H. Sprague, D. D. Sweet, H. B. King, L. G. Lowe, C. A. Lewis, Sumner Keith, Thomas Hooper.

Brockton.— R. C. Kimball, C. L. White, J. W. Packard, Davis Copeland, J. B. Freeman.

Brookline.— Albert Mason, Daniel H. Rogers, Albert M. Knight.

East Bridgewater.— James Howard, George Bush, B. W. Harris, Thomas Conant.

Fall River.— Henry C. Hay, T. D. W. Wood, John B. Albro.

Lancaster.— H. D. Humphrey.

Mansfield.— S. P. Hodges, E. J. Fisher.

Newton.— E. A. Whiston, Edwin Field.

Providence.— Luther Daboll, Thomas Hope, George Whitaker, Samuel Darling, Isaac Cartmel, B. A. Jackson, Thomas Hope, Jr.

Salem.— Joseph Ropes, Dr. Samuel Worcester.

Waltham.— J. T. Prince, Joel Shedd, George Phinney, F. H. Edson.

6. The Roll was called.

7. Rev. James Reed and Messrs. Albert Mason and Thomas Hope were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

8. Reports were received and read from
The General Pastor,
The Missionary Board,
The Committee of Ministers.

9. The Executive Committee presented its report. On the subject of holding the annual meeting of the Union on Fast Day, the Committee made the following recommendations : —

I. That the Association pursue the same order as heretofore on the morning of Fast Day, including the reading of the Union's report at noon.

II. That no appointment be made for the afternoon which would interfere with the Union meeting.

III. That the Union be requested to take such action as will result in the holding of its annual meeting on Fast Day at or about 2 P. M.

10. The recommendations were unanimously *adopted.*

11. The Committee on Religious Education presented its report, describing the work to be done during the next winter, in

connection with the Theological School, by the Normal Class for Sunday-school teachers.

12. The Committee on the Minister's Relief Fund made a report showing the amount of the Fund to be $2488.40. The bequest of Mr. Lyman Clark of $10.000 was mentioned as likely to raise the Fund to a useful amount.

13. Dr. E. A. Whiston, agent of the Union, read the semi-annual report of the President of that body.

14. The following resolution, prepared by a Sub-Commtttee of the Executive Committee of which Mr. Clark was a member, was adopted by a rising vote : —

Whereas, Since our last meeting, Mr. Lyman Clark, of Brockton, one of the first members of this Association, and for many years past, a member of its Executive Committee and of the Standing Committee of the Union, has been removed to the spiritual world ; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere appreciation of his long and faithful service, of his conscientious devotion to the various interests of the church, and of his generous bequests, whereby it is pleasant to think that he gave expression to a deep and heartfelt conviction that all he had was from the Lord and is the Lord's.

15. The report of the Union containing mention of the need of rules for the administration of the Minister's Relief Fund, it was voted that the Missionary Board, which has the disbursement of the income of that Fund, consider the subject and report to the April meeting.

16. Rev. G. F. Stearns, being requested to do so, gave some account of his missionary visits to Western Massachusetts and Rhode Island, especially upon ministers.

17. He was followed by Rev. John Worcester, who gave an account of experience with a Baptist minister, who was a member of the Correspondence School.

18. At one o'clock the Association took a recess till two.

Afternoon Session.

19. The journal of the morning session was read.

20. The Nominating Committee reported the present list of elective officers, with the exception that the name of Rufus C. Kimball was substituted upon the list of the Executive Committee

for that of Lyman Clark, deceased. The report was, on motion, accepted and the nominations were confirmed.

21. Mr. Edmund H. Sears then read an essay on "Intellectual, Moral, and Spiritual Judgments." He considered the fallibility of purely intellectual judgments and the difficulty of using moral judgments which come from intuitions and from considerations of right founded upon prevailing opinions, but in looking to the Lord, a spiritual and safe standard is found. He dwelt upon our Lord's own habit of retiring for hours of prayer, and suggested the need of controlling the natural reason, lest it should lead astray through the selfhood, by knowing no other way than that taught by the Lord in His commandments and in His example described in the Gospels. The doctrines of the Church teach how to approach the Lord in prayer, and in His Word for guidance in all the ways of life. Safe decisions are to be reached through surrender of the self-will.

22. Following the reading of the essay, Rev. James Reed remarked upon the prevalent belief that mere morality was the only end to be aimed at, that only right conduct was the object of religion. He urged the need of realizing the doctrine of the Lord in its practical bearings.

23. Rev. John Worcester spoke of the inner light in which the angels are, and that it had its source in dwelling near to the Lord. The progress of leading theologians seems to be toward the idea of God in Christ. In this direction the New Church should lead the way, bringing down the light and warmth of the spiritual sun into this world.

24. Rev. S. M. Warren alluded to the reason why, in order to lead a truly moral life, we must look to the Lord Himself; for the hereditary nature is corrupted, and from an impure source only what is impure can flow. But the Lord tells us the defects of our nature, and points out how we are to shun what is evil, thereby coming into conjunction with Him by little and little. The service of the Lord conjoins us with Him.

25. Mr. J. T. Prince said that the greatest danger of our people lay in being too much engrossed in our work, so that we do not go apart into the mountain to commune with the Lord.

26. Rev. T. F. Wright remarked upon the historical illustrations found in the intellectual attitude of paganism at the time of our Lord's coming and in the would-be morality of Judaism. The

same may be seen in the intellectualism of Calvinism and in the morality aimed at in liberal Christianity. To both these conditions the Lord directed his advents, and now the need of bringing forward the spiritual standard is very great.

27. Rev. W. H. Mayhew dwelt upon the duty of bringing persons, especially the children, directly to the Lord, and so of reaching above morality, which is, as its etymology tells us, a matter of manners.

28. Rev. G. F. Stearns emphasized the same thought by reference to experiences of his missionary visits.

29. Rev. T. O. Paine spoke of the test of standards which is afforded by trials, which showed the weakness of all other dependence than that which is upon the Lord.

30. The essayist was by vote requested to furnish a copy of his essay to the *New-Jerusalem Magazine.*

31. It was voted that an adjournment be taken to meet on Fast Day in April next, in the Church of the Boston Society.

32. The selection, "I will lift up mine eyes" was then sung.

33. The Association adjourned with the benediction from the General Pastor.

THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.* JOSEPH PETTEE, *General Pastor.*

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

General Pastor.—Rev. Joseph Pettee, Abington.

Secretary.—Rev. Theodore F. Wright, Bridgewater.

Committee of Ministers.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, Warren Goddard, S. H. Worcester, J. P. Perry, James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, George F. Stearns, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, T. F. Wright, W. H. Mayhew, Stephen Jepson, W. Goddard, Jr. H. W. Wright, H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, D. V. Bowen, J. E. Werren, and Henry C. Hay.

Executive Committee.—The General Pastor and the Secretary, *ex officiis.* Rev. Messrs. James Reed, T. O. Paine, John Worcester, S. M. Warren, W. H. Hinkley, W. H. Mayhew, Warren Goddard, Jr., H. E. Goddard, Richard Ward, John Westall, J. K. Smyth, and J. E. Werren; and Messrs. Albert Mason, David L. Webster, Thomas Hope, F. A. Dewson, R. C. Kimball, Lucius Faxon,

Wm. J. Cutler, Francis Phelps, Lewis G. Lowe, C. T. Dunham, George T. Hawley, and John A. Thompson.

Committee on Religious Education.—Rev. John Worcester, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Mr. J. T. Prince, Rev. W. Goddard, Jr., and Mr. A. M. Knight.

Committee on the Fund for Disabled Ministers.—Messrs. R. M. Pulsifer, E. A. Whiston, and R. C. Kimball.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

President.—Mr. Francis A. Dewson.

Secretary—Mr. Arthur Burnham.

Treasurer.—Mr. Albert M. Knight.

Directors.—Messrs. George B. Davis, H. P. Chandler, Wm. J. Cutler, R. M. Pulsifer, Lyman Clark, Albert Mason, Charles Harris, George T. Hawley, C. W. Barron.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. Messrs. Joseph Pettee, W. H. Hinkley, John Worcester, T. F. Wright, and Mr. W. J. Cutler, on the part of the Association. Messrs. Francis Phelps, F. A. Dewson, Albert Mason, E. A. Whiston, and J. R. Carter, on the part of the Union.

Reports.

Report of the General Pastor.

Since the meeting of the Association in April last, with the exception of a vacation of eight or ten days spent at the White Mountains, and one day at the sea shore, I have been regularly employed in the duties of General Pastor and Missionary of the Association.

Besides my duties at the New-Church Rooms two days in the week, and occasional other visits there, I have preached twenty-two times in sixteen different places, have administered the Holy Supper nine times to societies without pastors, have officiated at baptisms, confirmations, and funerals, twice each; have authorized four candidates for the Ministry and granted one license to preach, have delivered one lecture, officiated at one wedding, and supplied clergymen and students with twenty-eight volumes of the gift-books.

Joseph Pettee.

Report of the Missionary Board.

In reporting to the Association at this time, we cannot speak of those activities which belong to the lecture season, but we can give some account of work appropriate to summer.

The regular workers have been Rev. Messrs. Pettee and Stearns. Mr. Pettee has had good health, and has been occupied on Sundays in various places, and has spent two days each week, and sometimes more, at the Rooms in Boston. His work with the Mansfield Society was diminished by the location of Mr. Stearns there. And so at Springfield Mr. G. I. Ward has been engaged. But in the latter place he still administers the sacraments quarterly. He has also visited for this purpose the society at Waltham, the receivers in Franklin, the society in Pawtucket which still suffers from lack of the services of a minister or student, the people in East Woburn, and those in Taunton. As General Pastor, he has officiated in the societies having ministers. He was absent one

Sunday in August, but held service on that day in Jefferson, N. H., at a cottage. The statistics of his work he is accustomed to give in April.

Mr. Stearns has made several missionary excursions of two or three weeks each, during which he has devoted his whole time to calling upon ministers and others, with the end of obtaining and giving information, selling books, and distributing tracts. His first trip was begun May 6, and he was absent three weeks, visiting Greenfield, Montague, Shelburne Falls, Adams, Charlemont, North Adams, Pittsfield, Lenox, Stockbridge, Lee, Dalton, Hinsdale, Chester, Huntington, Westfield, and West Springfield. June 8 he started again, this time taking also the western portion of the State. His visits included Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Easthampton, Northampton, Florence, Williamsburgh, Hadley, Greenfield, Bernardston, Deerfield, Whately, Hatfield, Southampton, Westfield, Canaan, Sheffield, Lee, Housatonic, and Pittsfield. He returned on the twenty-fifth of June.

He next went to Rhode Island and, taking lodgings in Providence, called upon a hundred ministers in that city, in Newport, and in the adjacent part of Massachusetts. A second visit, not yet reported to the Board, has been made in the smaller places in Rhode Island.

While he has been doing this work, he has sometimes been away over Sunday, and his place has then been supplied by the Board. His home work has been maintained with fidelity, and will be described in the April report of the Mansfield Society.

The past summer has also witnessed an interesting work on Martha's Vineyard. It is probably known to most of our people that some years ago Dr. Lucas left a fund, the income of which was to be expended in such work upon that island. It has been the custom of the trustees holding that fund to send a minister to the island once a year, and he has generally gone after the season closed and has visited some of the permanent residents. This year Dr. Hibbard was sojourning there, and he held a series of public services which were well attended, and apparently were useful to many whose homes are in various parts of the country. He was remunerated, at the request of the Board, from the Lucas Fund.

Manchester, N. H., has been brought to our notice by an earnest American lady who wished to have some one sent to the German

Society instituted there by Mr. Brickmann. Mr. F. L. Higgins, a student who speaks German, made a visit there of several days, and presented a very favorable report to the Board.

The meeting which Mr. W. H. Alden has been holding in Dorchester has been continued. He has held a service on Sunday afternoon, and has received aid from the Board.

The work which Mr. John Worcester has done for a number of years at Intervale, N. H., has been continued, and his congregation has always been of encouraging size. His work is wholly a labor of love, and is appreciated by those who come to board at that beautiful place, and to some extent by the permanent residents.

The Board desires to receive information as to persons or places desiring ministerial services, and will gratefully receive suggestions which may look to the increase of its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS.

No subject was referred to this Committee by the Association at its last session, but the ministers have continued their monthly meetings with the consideration of subjects important to them in their work. Among the topics considered are the following: The State of the Stockholm Society; Spiritual Temptations; The Part of the Spiritual World in which the Visions of the Apocalypse were seen; The Condition hereafter of those who have been Insane; The Doctrine as to the Equilibrium of Forces operating upon the Mind; and the best rendering of that part of the Lord's Prayer which we express by the words, "As in Heaven, so also upon the Earth."

The Ministers omit one meeting, which would occur in August, and do not go over so much ground as in the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Executive Committee.

Two meetings have been held since the last session of the Association, and all matters committed have been attended to.

The Committee decided that, of the two places from which invitations had come, it would be well to select East Bridgewater this year.

The Committee appointed thirty delegates to the Convention which was held in Cincinnati in May last, and obtained the assistance of the Standing Committee of the Union in raising a fund to defray travelling expenses. The result was gratifying. Twenty delegates were present and they received their railroad tickets.

The Association at its last session directed this committee to consider the expediency of so modifying the order of exercises at the April meeting as to give an opportunity to the Massachusetts New-Church Union to hold its annual meeting or a special meeting at that time. The purpose of this reference was manifest. The Union is the executive of the Association in respect to business matters. It *is* the Association in the form of a legal corporation for the care of funds and other similar purposes. But the annual meetings of the Union are generally attended by small numbers, and there are many who could attend if the Union met on Fast Day. The subject has been fully considered as to its legal and other aspects by Sub-Committees of both bodies, and the way seems plain and easy. It is recommended,

1. That the Association pursue the same order as heretofore on the morning of Fast Day, including the reading of the Union's report at noon.

2. That no appointment be made for the afternoon which would interfere with the Union meeting.

3. That the Union be requested to take such action as will result in the holding of its annual meeting on Fast Day at or about 2 P. M.

An application has been received from Mr. Henry Clinton Hay, a graduate of the Theological School of the last class, for ordination into the ministry, together with an application to the same effect signed by the pastor and twenty-three others representing the society and congregation at Fall River, where Mr. Hay has been ministering as an assistant to Rev. John Westall. The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the General Pastor that

the applications be granted and that the ordination take place to-day in connection with the religious services.

The committee also took action looking to the preparation of a suitable resolution of respect to the memory of Mr. Lyman Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Wright, *Secretary.* Joseph Pettee, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Religious Education.

In our last report a course of lessons in Correspondences was offered to Sunday-school teachers, upon subjects from the Book of Exodus. This course was given in the rooms of the Theological School, upon Thursday afternoons between November 13 and April 22. About twenty-five ministers and teachers were in attendance, besides the theological students. A careful study was made of the plagues of Egypt, of the furniture of the tabernacle, and of the principal kinds of offerings and sacrifices. To those who took pains to enter into the study, the subjects were of the highest interest, presenting, as they do, an account of the deliverance of the Church from the darkness and evil of the old Dispensation and the inauguration of a living, spiritual worship, full of the spirit of the Lord.

For the coming winter a course of lectures upon Physiological Correspondences is offered, which will be delivered in the same rooms at three o'clock on Thursday afternoons, beginning on the first Thursday of November. Ministers and Sunday-school teachers are cordially invited to attend. The purpose of the lectures will be to describe the functions of the mind corresponding to those of the different parts of the body, and also the functions of the corresponding parts of the heavens.

As the address delivered at the April meeting of the Association was by a member of this committee, and upon a subject appropriate to it, and another address is expected at this meeting upon a kindred subject, it may not be wise for us to present at this time a long report. But there is one subject to which we wish to call the attention of ministers, and parents, and teachers; and that is, the development of the moral teachings of the Bible, and especially of the Gospels. We have given much attention to the teaching of the stories of the Bible, and excellent manuals have been prepared

upon that subject. Its moral teachings have received less attention; and we are impressed with the idea that the development of them is very much needed by our children, as a help to practical training in good life. Another year's experience may enable us to present this subject more fully. In the meantime we invite the attention of parents and teachers to it, and shall be glad of suggestions from their experience.

For the committee.

JOHN WORCESTER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS.

OUR last report to the Association was made at the October meeting of 1884. At that time the amount of the fund was $1,972.20

The following amounts have since been added: —

Interest on Investment added to the Principal by vote of the Standing Committee of the Union . .	116.11
Transfer of balance of the former "Aged Ministers Fund," by vote of the Standing Committee of the Union	39.38
Amount received by the Union in settlement of the Timothy Mitchell trust and placed to the credit of this fund by vote of the Standing Committee .	250.00
Yarmouth Society, collection	22.21
Bridgewater " "	22.00
Newton " "	44.25
Individual Contributions	24.00
	$2,490.15
The only disbursement from the fund has been for printing circulars	1.75
Leaving the present amount of the fund . . .	$2,488.40

A circular was sent by the committee after the April meeting of the Association to all the Societies, requesting that they should take a collection for the purposes of this fund on some Sunday as near the first of July as they could conveniently. To this circular only three responses were received.

Mr. Lyman Clark, who had all New-Church uses prominently in his affections, in providing by his will for these uses, bequeathed the sum of ten thousand dollars, "to be added to and to become a part of the fund for the support of the poor and needy ministers connected with the New-Church denomination."

This amount when received, will place the fund on a very satisfactory basis for the present. We hope, however, it will not result in causing a suspension of contributions, as it will, in all probability, at some time become necessary to use the income of a much larger fund to provide for the wants of worthy ministers who have become disabled while in the service of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Pulsifer,
E. A. Whiston,
R. C. Kimball. } *Committee.*

October 1. 1885.

Report of the President of the Massachusetts New-Church Union.

The commencement of the present year was marked by the resignation of two members of the Standing Committee who have served with us long and faithfully. These were Mr. George Ropes who has been a member during nine of the years since 1874, and Mr. J. A. Thompson who became a member in 1877, and has therefore served for eight successive years.

In their places were elected Messrs. Wm. J. Cutler and George T. Hawley; and as these changes involved a complete reorganization of the Sub-Committees, through whom the details of the various branches of our work are supervised, it seems well to give them public announcement. These committees are now as follows:—

Finance.—Messrs. Burnham, Cutler, Barron.
Accounts.—Messrs. Cutler, Pulsifer, Hawley.
Real Estate.—Messrs. Dewson, Burnham, Knight.
Rooms.—Messrs. Davis, Hawley, Knight.
Libraries.—Messrs. Chandler, Harris, Davis.
Purchase and Sale of Books.—Messrs. Harris, Chandler, Barron.
Magazines.—Messrs. Pulsifer, Dewson, Mason.
Missionary Work.—Messrs. Mason, Dewson, Cutler.

With this new detail of committees an effort has been made to inaugurate a new era of more active interest in and attention to the practical duties of the committee, and as a result our general monthly meetings have been more fully attended, the reports more suggestive, and the discussions more active and thorough than for several previous years. The committee as at present organized, needs only the stimulus of active sympathy and support from the Association to encourage it to continue in zealous effort to perform all possible uses proper to such a body.

Let us glance at their duties in some detail.

The Committee on Finance has charge of raising moneys, and devising ways and means for the support of the uses of the Union.

They report that early in the year letters were sent to all the Societies in the Association, twenty-one in number, requesting that the names of the new committees appointed in the Societies to look after the Union and its interests, be forwarded us as soon as possible. The number of societies that have complied with this request is six.

They also report the contributions as coming in more slowly than usual, and about two hundred dollars less than at the same date last year. They were also charged with the duty of raising and disbursing money to pay the travelling expenses of such ministers and delegates to the Convention as could be provided for by this means. The sum of $228.00 was raised, and the expenses of seven ministers and students, and the partial expenses of two delegates, were thus paid. The whole delegation numbering about twenty were thus enabled to control a separate car, and to travel together with much comfort and satisfaction.

The Committee on Accounts directs the method of keeping the accounts of the Union, and audits the monthly and yearly accounts of the Union and the Treasurer. It has reported at each monthly meeting of the Standing Committee the result of its examinations.

The Committee on Real Estate has the care and management of all such property belonging to the Union. It has directed and reported some minor changes and necessary repairs during the past six months; the chief of which has been the opening of the rear and centre rooms into one single room, with the result of much improving the general aspect of the whole.

The Committee on Rooms has the entire care of their interior arrangement and order, and direction of their use by committees

and for other meetings. They report a thorough cleaning and renovation at small expense which in connection with the changes made by the Real-Estate Committee have added much to their cheerful, homelike aspect. They also mention that the rooms were used in April for twenty-two meetings; May, for nineteen meetings; June, for five meetings; July, for three meetings; August, for one meeting.

The Committee on Libraries has charge of the Reference and Circulating Libraries, which it may increase by draft upon special funds held for this purpose. They report that our Reference Library has been enriched by the purchase of one hundred and eight volumes of rare editions of Swedenborg's works and other early New-Church writings, from the collection of the Rev. J. R. Boyle, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. This, with other recent acquisitions, has made necessary the buying of two new bookcases which have been placed in the front room of our building. This it is probable gives us suffcient room for the growth of several years to come.

The records of the Circulating Library show an increase of over eighteen per cent. for the months of June, July, and August, this year as compared with the same months of 1884, the number of volumes taken in these three months last year being 168, this year 199. The increase is entirely in the collateral works; the circulation of Swedenborg's writings being about the same for the two years. It appears to be the case that a majority of those who use this library are people who do not attend our churches.

The Committee on Purchase and Sale of Books has charge of all books kept for sale by the Union. They report that the sales of books since April 1, show an increase of more than twenty per cent. over the corresponding period of last year: being for five months ending August 31, 1884, $558.32 and for the same time this year, $678.74.

They have also recommended and have been authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the entire stock of New-Church books held by Mr. H. H. Carter, which purchase has been completed. Mr Carter retires from that branch of his business, which is now thus left in our hands.

The Committee on Magazines has the charge of the business details of the two Magazines and of the printing office; and acts in conjunction with the committee appointed by the Executive

Committee of the Association in regard to other details of management.

It reports that the Printing Office continues to be a useful and profitable adjunct to the Magazine department, and to the general business of the Union, and a great convenience to other bodies of the Church needing such service.

Also, that an impetus has been given to the circulation of the *Children's Magazine* this year; the number of paying subscribers on the list for the September number being 694, while for the January number it was 637; an increase of nearly ten per cent. This is mainly due we think to the very interesting and instructive articles entitled "Scenes from the Gospel Story" from the pen of Mr. Wm. L. Worcester, which should be circulated thoroughly to our children and would be read by old and young with interest. A moderately increased circulation of this Magazine would put it upon a paying basis. The circulation of the *New-Jerusalem Magazine* remains about the same as heretofore reported.

The Committee on Missionary Work consists of those members of the Standing Committee who are also members of the Missionary Board of the Association. Its duty is to report the work of the Missionary Board to the Standing Committee, to suggest measures for the extension of the work of the Church in the community, and to provide for distribution of books and tracts so far as our funds may warrant. They report with much satisfaction the interesting work of Mr. Pettee and Mr. Stearns, and also the useful work of Rev. Mr. Hibbard at Martha's Vineyard, all of which are more fully presented to the Association by the Missionary Board.

Each of the above committees is expected to present a full written report of its doings and recommendations at every regular meeting of the General Committee, and it has seemed useful thus to present a list of the committees and a compendium of their reports in order that the Association may become better acquainted with the method of our work, and know to what individual members each branch has been committed.

Besides the hearing and consideration of these reports, new matters and such things as are not within the scope of any subcommittee, are brought to the attention of the Standing Committee at almost every meeting. Among these, the most important has been that of a change of the annual meeting, as suggested at the last meeting of the Association, from the last Tuesday in March to

the day of the April meeting of the Association. A sub-committee was appointed to confer with a committee from the Association, which last committee will report the result of the Conference at this meeting of the Association.

The committee has also directed that the unexpended income of the Fund for Aged and Disabled Ministers be added to the principal until further orders; the sum total of the fund thus now amounting to $2,488.40. They have also, in view of a prospective large increase of the fund, directed their Missionary Committee to confer with the Missionary Board as to the propriety of establishing some permanent rules regulating the disbursement of the income when needed.

At the last meeting of the Standing Committee, the absence of one who has been for many years a faithful and much respected co-worker, could not fail to be in the thought of every one of his associates, and their feeling found expression in the following Minute, which was ordered to be entered upon the Records of the Standing Committee, and a copy of the same sent to Mrs. Clark: —

"Since the last meeting of the Standing Committee, one of its oldest members, Mr. Lyman Clark, has removed to the spiritual world. Mr. Clark, by long and faithful service, by untiring interest and cordial coöperation in the work of the Union, had secured the affectionate respect of his associates. The committee desires to record its warm appreciation of a valued co-worker who is permitted to enter more fully in another life upon uses of the Church in which his heart was fully enlisted here."

Mr. Clark had been a member of the committee since 1872, with the exception of a single year, until the date of his death.

The following extract from his will gives abundant evidence of his affection for the uses of the Church, and of his confidence in the permanence and faithfulness to these uses of the body in which he had so long been an active and interested worker: —

EXTRACT FROM THE WILL OF LYMAN CLARK.

"*Twelfth.* I give, devise, and bequeath to the Massachusetts New-Church Union, a Corporation existing within and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and now located at 169 Tremont Street in Boston, the sum of ten thousand dollars in money; also to said Corporation the further sum of fifteen thousand dollars in money, in trust, to apply the income and principal in their discretion to the benefit and maintenance of the New-Jerusalem Church Society in said Brockton, the income thereof at least to be paid to said Society as often as once a year, and upon the dissolution of said Society, then the unexpended prin-

cipal of said sum and income unappropriated shall become the absolute property of said trustee, discharged from all trusts; also to said Corporation the further sum of ten thousand dollars in money, in trust, to invest and re-invest the same, and pay over and apply the income thereof and the principal in its discretion from time to time for the support and maintenance of the New-Church Theological School, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts; also to said Union the further sum of ten thousand dollars in money to be added to and to become a part of the fund for the support of the poor and needy ministers connected with the New-Church denomination."

The sums thus to be placed in our care are large, and their income should have the effect of adding to our ability and efficiency. That they may do so, let us not as individuals fall into the error of allowing such apparent prosperity to lessen our own sense of obligation to help in supporting these uses; for if we do, there is some danger that the possession of large permanent funds may prove an injury, and serve to diminish rather than increase our income. It will, perhaps, be helpful in this direction to know that these bequests will add nothing to our income at present, as it is understood that they will not be available until more than a year after the decease of Mr. Clark.

For the Union.

FRANCIS A. DEWSON, *President.*

October 1, 1885.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

1. THIS Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW-JERUSALEM CHURCH.

2. The Societies composing it are the Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, East Bridgewater, and North Bridgewater Societies, and any other Societies of the New-Jerusalem Church admitted by vote of the Association.

3. The acting members of its meetings shall be its Ministers, and Delegates duly chosen by the Societies.

4. The Ministers of the Association shall be the General Pastor, the Pastors and Ministers of the Associated Societies, and any other Ministers recognized as such by the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, who reside within the limits of the Association. Acting under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Convention, the Association directs that a candidate who is ordained into the ministry with its sanction, shall be authorized to lead in public worship, to preach the Word according to the heavenly doctrines, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper and the rite of Confirmation, and to consecrate marriages.

5. Each Society shall be entitled to three Delegates, and one additional Delegate for every twenty-five members, until the number of members exceeds one hundred; beyond which number, fifty additional members shall be required to confer an additional Delegate.

6. All members of the Associated Societies, in good standing in the same, may be present at, and take part in, the deliberations of the meetings; and may be appointed on Committees and charged with other duties by the Association.

7. The Officers of the Association shall be a General Pastor and a Secretary, together with a Committee of Ministers, an Executive Committee, a Missionary Board, and a Committee on Religious Education.

8. The General Pastor shall hold his office by a tenure similar

to that of the Pastor of a Society. He shall have a general supervision over the affairs of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the Association, and shall have authority to call special meetings thereof, to alter the time and place of holding meetings, and to convene the Committee of Ministers and the Executive Committee at his discretion.

9. The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to that office.

10. The Committee of Ministers shall consist of all the Ministers of the Association.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the General Pastor and the Secretary, and of twelve Ministers and twelve Laymen to be elected annually. It shall act, in conjunction with the General Pastor, on all matters relating to the ordination of Ministers, the authorization of preachers when the General Pastor has not sole jurisdiction under the rules of the Convention, and on the application of Societies for institution and for their admission into the Association. This Committee shall act with the authority of the Association, and have a general superintendence of its affairs, in the interim of its meetings. It shall prepare business for the action of the Association, and shall hold meetings by previous appointment, or at the call of the General Pastor, or at the call of any five members of the Committee. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

12. The General Pastor, and four other persons, to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee, shall, with five other persons, to be appointed by the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts New-Church Union, together constitute the Missionary Board of the Association and Union. This Board shall have the entire charge and control of all the missionary and colportage work, and the appointment and direction of the persons by whom it is performed; but the compensation of such agents shall be fixed by the Standing Committee of the Union.

13. The Committee on Religious Education shall consist of five members, who shall be elected annually; and it shall be their duty to consider and report from time to time upon subjects connected with religious education.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Association shall meet semi-annually in April and October.

2. The Order of Proceedings at meetings of the Association shall be:—

1. Divine Worship.
2. Collection for the Massachusetts New-Church Union.
3. Calling the Roll.
4. Reports of Societies (in April).
5. Election of Officers (in October).
6. Report of General Pastor.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Report of Massachusetts New-Church Union.
10. Report of Committee of Ministers.
11. Report of Committee on Religious Education.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Unfinished Business.
14. New Business.

3. All Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee.

4. All resolutions shall be in writing; and any motion shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Chair, if desired.

5. At the close of each meeting, the Journal of its proceedings shall be read.

6. The Journal of each meeting, together with such Reports and other documents as the meeting may direct, shall be printed by the Secretary in such manner as the Association shall from time to time direct; but when a document is abridged for the purpose of publication, the Secretary shall preserve a copy of the original.

7. Each Society shall report to the April meeting of the Association, its statistics for the year, together with such other information as ought to be laid before the Association.

8. The Executive Committee shall elect the delegates to represent this Association in the General Convention, and the delegates thus selected shall be authorized to fill any vacancies which may exist in their number.

9. The Committee of Ministers shall annually revise the list of ministers, and report the same to the Association.

10. When the application of a Society for admission into this Association is granted, if delegates from the Society be present, they shall be received by the Presiding Officer in a manner similar to that in which he would receive members into a Society.

11. In case any question arises as to the respective duties or jurisdiction of the Association and Union, a convention shall be called upon the request of either body, to consist of the Standing Committee of the Union, and the Executive Committee of the Association; and the action of such convention shall be considered final, until annulled or modified by the Association or the Union.

List of Societies.

Boston	organized Aug. 15, 1818.
Bridgewater	May 29, 1833.
Abington	Feb. 25, 1835.
East Bridgewater	Aug. 2, 1838.
Brockton	Sept. 12, 1838.
Providence, R. I.	Oct. 15, 1839.
Yarmouth	Sept. 20, 1843.
Pawtucket, R. I.	Apr. 4, 1844.
Lowell	Sept. 17, 1844.
Foxborough and Mansfield	Nov. 19, 1846.
Springfield	Mch. 27, 1853.
Fall River	Nov. 12, 1854.
Brookline	Apr. 29, 1857.
Contoocook	May 24, 1857.
Taunton	Aug. 26, 1860.
Salem	Jan. 25, 1863.
Newton	Apr. 11, 1869.
Waltham	July 4, 1869.
Boston Highlands	Dec. 12, 1870.
Gloucester	May 11, 1871.
Lancaster	Oct. 10, 1875.